ラブのな夢日記

担当「どうも！お疲れさまです野中さん！」

野中「よう！時間通りによく来てくれたね！ さあ、今日もガッツリ打ち合わせでもすっか!?」

担当「気合入ってますねえ。こっちも負けてられませんね。よし、今回はどんな話にしましょうか？いろいろネタも用意してきましたよ」

野中「いや、もうネームはできている」

担当「おお！何と！もうできてるんですね!?」

野中「うむ。後はこれを叩き台にアイデアを詰め込んでみよう。さっそく読んで、何でも意見を言ってくれたまえ」

担当「はい！読ませていただきます!!」

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日が下がり。寝っ転がっている二人。

担当「・・・・・・・・とかいうコトって無いですかね・・・・?」

野中「・・・・・・・・無いな」

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第286話 KISS Destination
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IT'S NOTABLE TO MENTION THAT, JUST BECAUSE WE MANAGED T BECOME 3RD YEARS DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE SHOULD BE CONTEND WITH OUR POSITIONS AS THE 4 DEVA. WITH THAT IN MIND, I THINK IT'S TIME FOR US TO DO SOME CHANGES IN OUR WAYS.

.....

DOING SOME BADASS DEEDS WHILE ALSO GRADUALLY CURBING ANY OF OUR USELESS ROUTINES.

WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE ON THE PATH OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

A BUNCH OF GUYS JUST SITTING AROUND DISCUSSING ABOUT THINGS THAT HAVE NOTHING TO CONCLUDE FROM... MUST HAVE BEEN TOUGH ON YOU GUYS...

.....

TAKE FOR INSTANCE, OUR 4 DEVA MEETINGS.

★この物語はフィクションです。実在の人物、団体名等とは関係ありません。

IT IS, ISN'T IT.

DAMN RIGHT, IT WAS.

. . . . . .

A BUNCH OF PSYCHOLOGICAL ANGUISH....

BESIDES, THAT HARSH SYSTEM OF DEDUCTING POINTS SEEMS TO HAVE CAUSED

IN-DEED.

WE'RE NOW FINALLY 3RD YEARS, SO LET'S TAKE THIS A GOOD TIME TO START REFLECTING ON OUR FLAWS!

Y-YOU FINALLY REALIZED IT, LEADER!

WE'D HOLD A MEETING LIKE THIS EVERY DAY. SO FROM NOW ON,

IN THE PAST,

WAIT, HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

WE'LL HAVE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS.

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT THE TRAIL OF YOUR CONVERSION, LOGIC SHOULD SAY THAT IT'D NORMALLY END WITH SOMETHING LIKE "I GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME WE DO AWAY WITH THE MEETINGS", RIGHT!?

HMM?

HOW DID YOU COME TO THAT CONCLUSION?

T/L: THINK OF THIS AS (SORT OF) THE EQUIVALENT OF "SPARE THE ROD, SPOIL THE CHILD"

ISN'T THERE A SAYING THAT GOES "SEND THE BELOVED CHILDREN ON A JOURNEY"?

YOU KIDDING ME!!?

BY INCLUDING THEM INTO THE MORNING PRACTICES.

BESIDES, WE'RE ALREADY HAVING THIS EVERY DAY. HOW ELSE ARE YOU GOING TO INCREASE IT ANY FURTHER?

BESIDES,

THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN, BUT NO!

I BELIEVE THAT RAISING THE BAR IS IN FACT GOOD FOR YOU.

YEAH, WE HONESTLY DON'T SEE HOW THEY'RE BENEFITING US.

YOU KEPT SAYING IT'S FOR OUR OWN GOOD BUT IS IT REALLY SO?

ADMITTING SO QUICKLY!?

WELL, NOW THAT YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, IT'S KINDA TRUE.

HMM..

SO, WHAT'S YOUR VIEW ON THIS?

LEADER...COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE DOING THIS JUST SO THAT YOU CAN PUT ON THE LOOK OF BEING MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE THAN OTHERS...?

WAIT, IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE WE'RE HOLDING MEETINGS FOR THE LEADER'S SAKE?

I'VE HAD IT WITH THESE DAMN MEETINGS!!

WHAT THE...!! IS THAT REALLY HOW IT IS!?

...SORRY

I like looking like the really capable type.

SO BASICALLY, WE'RE JUST BEING MESSED AROUND BY YOU!?

WE'RE NOT GONNA ROLL WITH THIS!

SO IT'S ALL JUST TO SATIATE YOUR OWN DAMN EGO!?

PERHAPS I REALLY HAVE BEEN TAKING YOU GUYS FOR GRANTED... I APOLOGISE FOR THAT, PLEASE FORGIVE ME...

IF YOU REALLY NEED TO PURSUE THIS, THEN YES, IT REALLY WAS ON MY WHIMS.

I UNDERSTAND.

WE'RE DONE WITH THIS SHIT!

IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT NOW, ISN'T IT?

THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE'RE EVER DOING THIS!

SCREW YOU!!

HOW ABOUT, IF I JUST SLACKEN THE POINT SYSTEM...

IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A MEETING SO BAD, HOLD IT YOURSELF!

YEAH! THIS IS ALL OUR DECISIONS!

IN FACT, WE'RE GONNA SKIP THE MEETINGS FROM NOW ON IF YOU INSIST ON HOLDING THEM!

.....

NO MORE MEETINGS...

OH...OK, GOT IT...

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A WEEK LATER

OPEN

NAH...

GOT ANY AMUSING STUFFS TO CHAT ABOUT?

AAAH, I'M SO BORED...

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE MEETING RIGHT?

OH BY THE WAY,

OH NO, SORRY... I JUST... WITHOUT REALIZING IT...

HEY, HEY! WHY SO SOMBRE! LET'S CHAT ABOUT SOMETH NG COOL!

. . . . . .

AH YEAH, THERE'S NO MORE...

THERE'S NO NEED TO FORCE YOURSELF, DUDE.

DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT IT.

S-SOR-RY...

. . . .

SERIOUSLY...

I HEARD HE'S BEEN STAYING AT HOME.

SPEAKING OF WHICH... I WONDER HOW'S THE LEADER BEEN GETTING ALONG?

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. . . . . .

YOU KNOW, RIGHT NOW... I KIND OF WANT TO HAVE A MEETING INSTEAD...

:
!?

THE NEXT DAY

T-THIS IS...

THE THEME FOR TODAY'S MEETING

...HMM ?

Y-YOU GUYS...

YEAH, WE'VE ALREADY GOT THE MATERIALS READY SO HURRY AND GET THE MEETING GOING, LEADER!

WHAT ARE YOU YAPPING ON, LEADER? HURRY AND GET SEATED!

D-DIDN'T YOU GUYS SAY...?

WHY ELSE WOULD WE BE HERE WAITING FOR YOU!

OF COURSE!

CAN I REALLY START THE MEETING?

YEAH, MAN! THAT'LL GIVE MORE THRILL TO THE MEETING, HAHAHA!

WHATEVER, DEDUCT ALL YOU LIKE!

.. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE POINT DEDUCTION...?

. . . . . .

WE JUST WANNA HOLD THE MEETING WITH THE LEADER.

YEAH, YEAH, WE GOT IT! WE KNOW OK!!

...AND WE MIGHT END UP EXTENDING THE LENGTH OF THE MEETING DUE TO US SIDE-TRACKING INTO OTHER BORING TOPICS...

. . . . . .

THANK YOU...

YOU GUYS...

HUH?

THEN PLEASE GIVE ME A SECOND...

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OK.

WELL, I GUESS YOU GUYS CAN GO BACK FOR TODAY.

...WHO THE HELL ARE THOSE GUYS ...?

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. . .

RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS!!

WELL THEN,

TIME TO START THE MEETING.

第287話 Spare Parts

HOLD ON A SEC, LEADER...

TODAY'S TOPIC IS ABOUT THE SYSTEM BEHIND DEPOSIT INSURANCE BEING UNBANNED.

I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BANKING LAWS OF JAPAN, SO

WE'VE GOT SOMETHING WE'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT BEFORE WE START THE MEETING.

NO... FORGET ABOUT THAT TOPIC FOR A BIT...

OH? ARE YOU GUYS DISPLEASED WITH THE BANK IN SOME WAY TOO?

I ALREADY SAID THERE'S NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT! JUST LISTEN WILL YOU!

OF COURSE, IT'S RELATED TO THE BANK RIGHT?

I SEE. LET'S HEAR IT THEN.

NO, IT MOST CERTAINLY HASN'T BEEN DEALT WITH YET!

HUH...? WE CERTAINLY HAD OUR DISAGREEMENTS IN THE PAST, BUT THAT'S ALL WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE NOW, ISN'T IT? WHY ARE YOU DIGGING THAT UP AGAIN?

YA KNOW, RIGHT NOW WE'RE KINDA HAVING VERY LITTLE TRUST IN YOU, LEADER... UNLESS WE CLEAR THINGS UP, IT'S HARD TO CARRY ON WITH THE MEETING.

WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE GUYS?

YOU KNOW THOSE 4 PEOPLE FROM A WHILE GO...?

BULLSHIT! AS IF WE'VE EVER SEEN THEM AROUND HERE BEFORE!

THEY'RE MY ACQUAINTANCES FROM AROUND THE NEIGH-BOURHOOD.

OH, THOSE GUYS HUH...

YOU WERE PLANNING TO GET THOSE GUYS WITH THE WEIRD FACE PAINTS TO REPLACE US RIGHT!?

THEY WERE TO BE THE NEW 4 DEVA RIGHT!!

WE ALREADY KNEW ABOUT IT, LEADER!

IT'S EASIER FOR YOU TO CONTROL IF THE MEMBERS ARE THE SORT THAT NEVER GOES AGAINST YOU, ISN'T IT!! YOU SURE ARE ONE HECK OF A SELF-CENTERED PIECE OF...

YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR SPARES AVAILABLE FOR WHEN YOU CAN NO LONGER STAND US, THAT'S YOUR INTENTION RIGHT!!

ENOUGH WITH ALL THESE PETTY YAPPING ALREADY, YOU ALL...

... ...OH GOOD GRIEF...

FROM A CERTAIN POINT OF VIEW, THAT IS VERY CHARACTERISTIC OF HIM...

SO BLUNT...

YES, THAT'S RIGHT! THEY'RE YOUR REPLACEMENTS! YOU LOT GOT A PROBLEM WITH IT?

HOLD IT.

TO THINK THAT YOU COULDN'T EVEN BELIEVE IN YOUR OWN UNDERLINGS . YOU'RE NOT FIT TO BE THE LEADER!

SO...SO IN OTHER WORDS, YOU HAD NO FAITH IN US?

BELIEVING IN STRANGERS IS, BY NATURE, A DIFFICULT THING TO DO, ISN'T IT?

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY THAT BUT,

TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, YOU REALLY ARE STRANGERS. OR RATHER I THINK THAT WAY ABOUT EVEN MY OWN PARENTS AND SIBLINGS TOO

EVEN THOUGH WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR SO LONG...? WHAT GIVES!

STRANGERS, YOU SAY...

HOW ABSURD.

YOU GUYS ONLY KNOW ABOUT SAYING SUCH NAIVE TH'NGS LIKE "CLOSED BUDDIES" AND "FAMIL'ES".

THE TALKS ARE ALL JUST ON THE SUPERFICIAL LEVEL.

YOU GUYS HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD ME... AFTER ALL, PUT IT THIS WAY, DOUBTING OTHERS IS NOT INHERENTLY BAD...

WHAT A CONTEMP-TIBLE GUY...

I ONLY BELIEVE IN MYSELF AND ABSOLUTELY NOBODY ELSE.

INDEED, I AM THE MOST ADORABLE.

BUT! NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, TREATING US AS MERE REPLACEMENTS... ISN'T THAT TOO MUCH?

W-WELL, THAT'S TRUE BUT...

Like you guys for instance, always being messed around by me.

BESIDES, COME ON, IF YOU'RE FAR TOO TRUSTING, YOU EASILY BECOME A TARGET FOR SCAMS BECAUSE OF HOW GULLIBLE YOU ARE, RIGHT?

WHAT?

AREN'T THERE 2 GROUPS IN A SINGLE BASEBALL TEAM?

SIGH...

YOU GUYS STILL DON'T GET IT...

IT'S THE SAME THING

IF ONE TEAM IS INJURED, THEN THE SUB TAKES OVER RIGHT?

...WHAT THEN, DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN?

AND ARE THUS UNABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE COMPETITION

IF, SAY, IT'S THE 4TH INNING AND THE GIANTS GOT INJURED

AND IT COMES DOWN TO THEM HAVING TO FORFEIT DUE TO LACK OF REPLACEMENTS

EXACTLY.

...THE FANS WILL BE SEVERELY DISAPPOINTED.

THAT'S HOW IT IS HUH...

I SEE...

WE'VE GOT EXPECTATIONS TO LIVE UP TO HERE. THUS I HAVE TO ENSURE THAT YOUR BACK-UPS ARE AVAILABLE, TO BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST, SO TO SPEAK.

SO...
STOP BEING SO PESSIMISTIC IN YOUR THINKING.

I GET THAT WE NEED TO HAVE BACK-UPS...

SO IF THAT'S THE CASE,

NO, NO, NO, HANG ON A TICK.

NOW THAT WE'RE CLEAR ON THAT, TIME TO DISCUSS TODAY'S THEME FOR THE MEETING.

... ...OH?

WHAT ABOUT YOUR BACK-UP, LEADER?

DON'T BELITTLE US, YOU GOT IT!?

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! WE'RE GONNA DO IT, AND WE CAN!

...ARE YOU PERHAPS SAYING THAT YOU PLAN TO HELP FIND A BACK-UP FOR ME?

I SURE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS!

HUHAHA! HAHAHA!

LET'S SEE IF YOU REALLY CAN EH?

SO YOU GUYS CAN TAKE THE TIME TO FIND A RE-PLACEMENT FOR ME.

VERY WELL, I'LL GO BACK FOR NOW,

INTERESTING... HOW VERY INTERESTING INDEED!

HELL YEAH, WE'RE GONNA DO THIS! THAT'D SHOW HIM! WE'LL HAVE NO PROBLEM GETTING A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM!

YEAH! ANY RANDOM SHMUCKS OFF THE STREETS CAN EASILY TAKE HIS POSITION!

ALRIGHT GUYS, TIME TO FIND OUR CANDIDATES!

YEAH! ANYONE CAN DO THAT! EASY STUFF!

GET HIM TO SIT IN THAT SEAT AND VOILA!

I MEAN, COME ON, IT'S NOT A DIFFICULT TASK! ALL WE GOT TO DO IS TO FIND SOME GUY WHO IS ABLE TO HOLD A MEETING AND PUT SOME FACE PAINT,

AN HOUR LATER

YEAH!!

RIGHT!! I'M ALL FIRED UP!

LET'S SPLIT UP AND LOOK!

...C-CAN'T EVEN FIND A SUITABLE CANDIDATE...

NOT EVEN ONE...! HOW'S THIS EVEN ..!

I THOUGHT... JUST GRAB SOMEONE AT RANDOM... AND WE'RE DONE...

ISN'T... THIS SUPPOSED TO BE EASY...

NO WAY... THAT CAN'T BE TRUE...

.....

WELL...QUITE A FEW WERE ACTUALLY WILLING TO HOLD MEETINGS BUT...

SAY..WHY DOESN'T ANYONE WANT TO TAKE THE POSITION TO BEGIN WITH?

ME TOO! THEY ALSO SAID NO TO THE FACE MAKE-UP!

AH! AS I THOUGHT, IT'S THIS! IT'S THE SAME WITH ME!

THEY SAID NO, THE MOMENT I MENTION FACE PAINTS.

YEAH, HE REALLY ISN'T JUST SOME NOBODY... HE'S BASICALLY THE TYPE WHO CAN DO ANYTHING AS LONG AS HE'S WILLING TO EXERT HIS FULL STRENGTH.

THE FACT THAT LEADER COULD FIND 4 PEOPLE READY AND WITH FACE PAINTS MEANS THAT HE'S PRETTY DAMN AMAZING ..

THAT MEANS....

INITIALLY...WASN'T IT BECAUSE WE ADMIRE HIS STRENGTH AND BADASSERY THAT WE CHOSE TO FOLLOW HIM?

EH?

HAVEN'T WE?

COME TO THINK OF IT, WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN RELYING ON HIM FOR A BUNCH OF STUFFS,

I GUESS LEADER REALLY IS PRETTY AMAZING AFTER ALL, HUH.

IT WAS THE LEADER WHO CAME TO MY RESCUE

THAT TIME WHEN I WAS TARGETED BY RIVAL GANGS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

IT WAS NONE OTHER THAN THE LEADER WHO CAME TO OUR RESCUE

THAT ONE TIME WHEN WE ALMOST DROWNED.

THE FEW US...
WE BANDED TOGETHER PRECISELY BECAUSE WE LOOKED UP TO THE LEADER AND THUS CHOSE TO FOLLOW HIM AS THE 4 DEVA...

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...BUT NOW, SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS WE USED TO...?

I JUST WANT TO APOLOGISE FOR MY WORDS EARLIER...

WHAT'S... UP?

LEADER ...

DO YOU GUYS REALLY DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE?

I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM THIS,

SAYING SORRY RIGHT NOW...

. . . . .

YOU GUYS REALLY MEAN IT...?

. . . . .

IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, WE ALL WOULDN'T BE...

STOP SPOUTING THINGS LIKE THAT.

. . . . .

IF THAT'S REALLY SO, I'LL LEAVE RIGHT NOW...

I SEE...

HERE'S TO MORE CHANCE FOR US TO GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER!!

OF COURSE WE DO!!

. . . . . .

EXCUSE ME, WHEN'S THE NEXT RECRUITMENT?

AGAIN !?

WHAAAT!?

SORRY, THEY REALLY WERE STILL HERE AFTER ALL!!

...WHAT THE HELL KIND OF RECRUITMENT!?

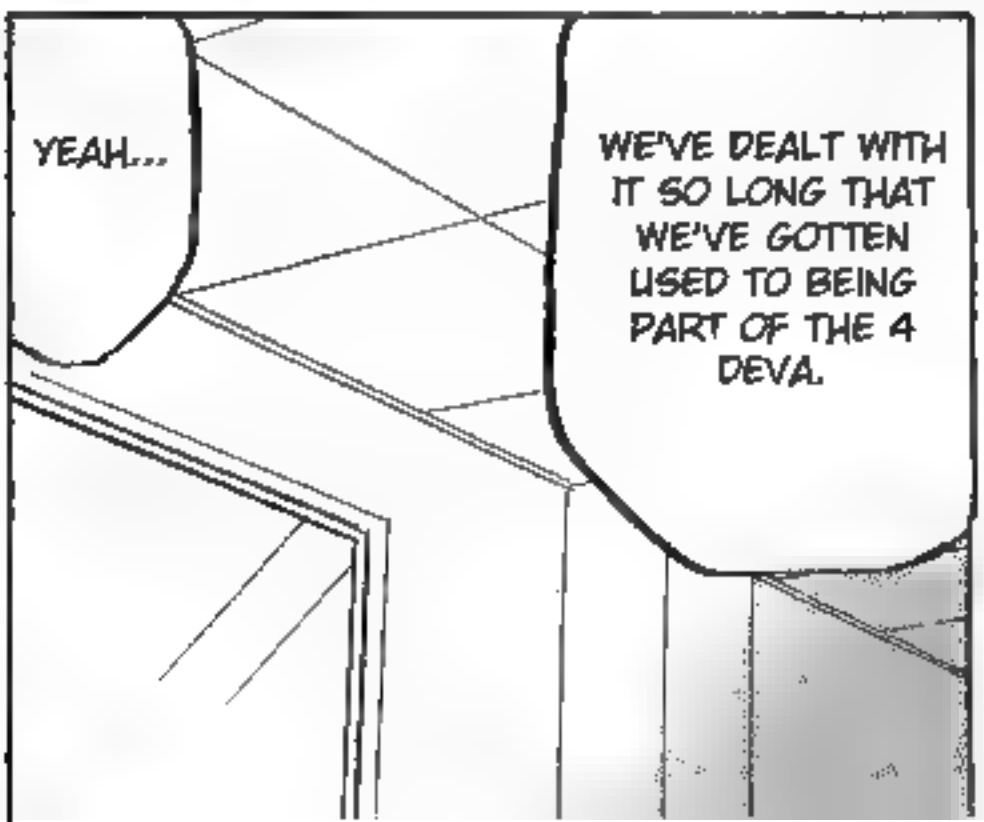
. . . . . .

EVEN THOSE TWO GUYS AND THAT ONE THING APPLIED TOO.

第288話

How many more boys

HAAAH... THAT'S WHAT HUMANS ARE LIKE.
IN THE PAST, WE'VE ALL BEEN TRYING SO HARD TO GET OUT OF THE 4 DEVA, BUT NOW THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO GET BOOTED OUT, WE'RE PISSED OFF ABOUT IT...



HAHAHA! THEN HE'S PROBABLY PULLING IT ALL FOR THIS ONE!

TRUE THAT. HE DOES KNOW HOW TO PULL OFF PRANKS. HAHAHA!

YEAH, HE'S A JOKER AFTER ALL.

HEY, HOLD ON A BIT AND TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SO LET'S SIT BACK AND ENJOY THIS!

WHAT THE HELL !?

THIS.

HMM? WHAT IS IT?

Four Deva Recruitment

ふるって応募してね!

NO, HOLD ON A SECOND. LET'S NOT JUMP TO PESSIMISTIC CONCLUSIONS SO QUICKLY... CALM DOWN FIRST.

IT'S LIKE DOWNSIZ-ING, AUH.

WHA... WHAT THE HELL?

4 DEVA RE-CRUITMENT ...!?

. . . . . .

THIS MAY JUST BE ANOTHER 4 DEVA.

THERE'S NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF THE 4 DEVA OF WHAT, SO...

LOOK,

I SEE... BUT...

EXACTLY! SORT OF LIKE HOW WE'VE MISTAKEN THE WRONG PERSON!

YOU MEAN LIKE, A DIFFERENT 4 DEVA?

REALLY !!?

WHAT !?

AH, THERE IS.

...HMMM,

OTHER THAN US, IS THERE REALLY ANY OTHER 4 DEVA?

...THOSE ARE TV CELEBRITIES AREN'T THEY?

AH! THE "DEVA OF MIMICRY"!!

LIKE SAKURA KINZOU AND WHO ELSE...

WELL, YOU KNOW...

UH, WHO WAS IT AGAIN...

NAH, CAN'T THINK OF ANY.

SO, IS THERE ANOTHER 4 DEVA?

NOW THAT YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...

WHY WOULD THEY BE DOING THEIR RECRUITMENT HERE IN OUR SCHOOL?

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

HMM...

YOU'RE RIGHT... TO THINK WE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT EARLIER....

WAIT, THERE IS THAT PICTURE THAT LOOKS LIKE THE LEADER'S FACE ON IT TOO...

YEAH, LOOKS LIKE IT...

四天王
募集中

IT REALLY IS REFERRING TO US HUH...

FUCK! I DON'T EVEN WANT TO CALL HIM "LEADER" ANYMORE! CALLING HIM "THAT BASTARD" IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!!

DAMN IT! THAT'S PROVEN IT! THAT BASTARD REALLY HAS NO CONSIDERATION FOR US AT ALL!

WHAT? IT'S USELESS TO STOP US AT THIS POINT!

WAIT...

YEAH!

LET'S GO AND SETTLE THIS WITH HIM!

It's not like we know anything about it to begin with.

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO CONCERNED WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

I SEE...

SAKURA KINZOU WASN'T PART OF THE "DEVA OF MIMICRY".

NO... THE THING IS

...

...

LEADER, WE'VE GOT SOME-THING WE WISH TO DISCUSS!!

HEY!

WHAT THE ...!?

PLEASE BE A LITTLE QUIETER!

THE INTERVIEW IS HELD HERE

HEY, WHAT THE SHIT? EVEN BAD JOKES HAVE THEIR LIMITS!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? I'M CONDUC-TING AN INTERVIEW.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?

THIS IS...

AND ONE MORE THING.

REALLY, CAN YOU PLEASE BE NOT SO LOUD? CAN'T YOU TELL THAT I'M CONDUCTING AN INTERVIEW NOW?

DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY, A WHILE BACK, SOMETHING ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE OUR-SELVES!?

UHM...

WHY ARE YOU SEATED THERE TOO!!?

STOP WITH THAT OVERLY LONG WINDED ANALOGY, WILL YOU?

YOU'RE THE TYPE THAT SAYS YOU DIDN'T STUDY AT ALL, BUT WAS ACTUALLY SECRETLY HITTING THE BOOKS BEHIND, AREN'T YOU!!?

S-SORRY, I JUST...

RUNNING OFF ON YOUR OWN SO THAT YOU CAN PULL ONE ON US!?

I KNEW IT! YOU WERE THAT KIND OF PERSON AFTER ALL!

HUH?

HURRY AND TAKE YOUR SEATS.

OK, OK, SAVE WHATEVER WORDS YOU HAVE FOR AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH THE INTERVIEW.

.....

WELL, EVERYONE'S LIKE THAT IN THE BEGINNING. YOU'LL GET USED TO IT.

I KINDA FEEL BAD... I'VE NEVER CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS BEFORE...

UH, THIS IS... HOW DO I SAY THIS...

INDEED, DETERMINING THE RIGHT CANDIDATE IS NOT AN EASY TASK.

BUT... I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO RUN AN INTERVIEW...

IN THE INTEREST OF THE 4 DEVA, WHAT SORT OF MEMBERS DO WE NEED?

LISTEN UP, YOU GOT TO BROADEN YOUR PERSPEC-TIVE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

...SOMEONE WHO IS *GOOD* AT RUNNING MEETINGS...

. . . . . .

I'M YEAR 2'S MURATA. *MY* INTEREST IS IN...

AH, UHM...

A-AH, YEAH, *GOT* IT.

IF THERE'S SOMEONE LIKE THAT, MEETINGS CAN BE RUN *QUICKER* AND THAT'S *GOOD* FOR US, ISN'T IT?

HMM?

SO, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS?

SPECIALTY

LOOKING OUT FOR OTHERS

AH, I SEE...

HOW DOES THIS SPECIALITY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE EFFICIENT RUNNING OF MEETINGS, IS WHAT I'M WONDERING.

WELL,

PASS

REJECTED

BEING IN TOUCH WITH OTHERS HUH...

THEN, I GUESS THAT'S GOT TO DO WITH HOW ONE IS ABLE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE MEMBERS, RIGHT...?

INTERESTS

SOLVING PUZZLES.

1ST YEAR'S MURAMATSU.

#17,

NICE TO MEET YOU.

#21'S NAKATA HERE.

PASS

I GUESS THAT MEANS HE'S A QUICK-THINKER...

THIS IS...

HMM, A LOVE FOR PLANTS... IN OTHER WORDS, BENEVOLENCE...

INTEREST IS GARDENING. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

AC-CEPTED... AND THIS ONE...

NAH... DON'T FORGET, MEETINGS ARE ALSO ABOUT ONE'S ENDURANCE SO...

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT THIS...

INTEREST

THE OUTDOORS

I CERTAINLY DIDN'T EXPECT SO MANY TO TURN UP, IT ACTUALLY MAKE ME KINDA HAPPY.

WE'RE FINALLY DONE WITH ALL OF THEM.

...PHEW.

END OF THE INTER-VIEW

AHA! NOW WE'RE GONNA BE ABLE TO CONDUCT THE MEETINGS IN A MUCH FASTER MANNER! I'M GONNA LOOK FORWARD TO THIS, I TELL YA!!

COME TO THINK OF IT, IT MEANS THAT OUR FORCES HAVE INCREASED DRASTICALLY! NOW THAT'S WORTH STANDING UP FOR!

MAN, THAT SURE HAS BEEN A PRETTY MEMORABLE DAY! IT'S AS THOUGH THE 4 DEVA HAVE POWERED UP!

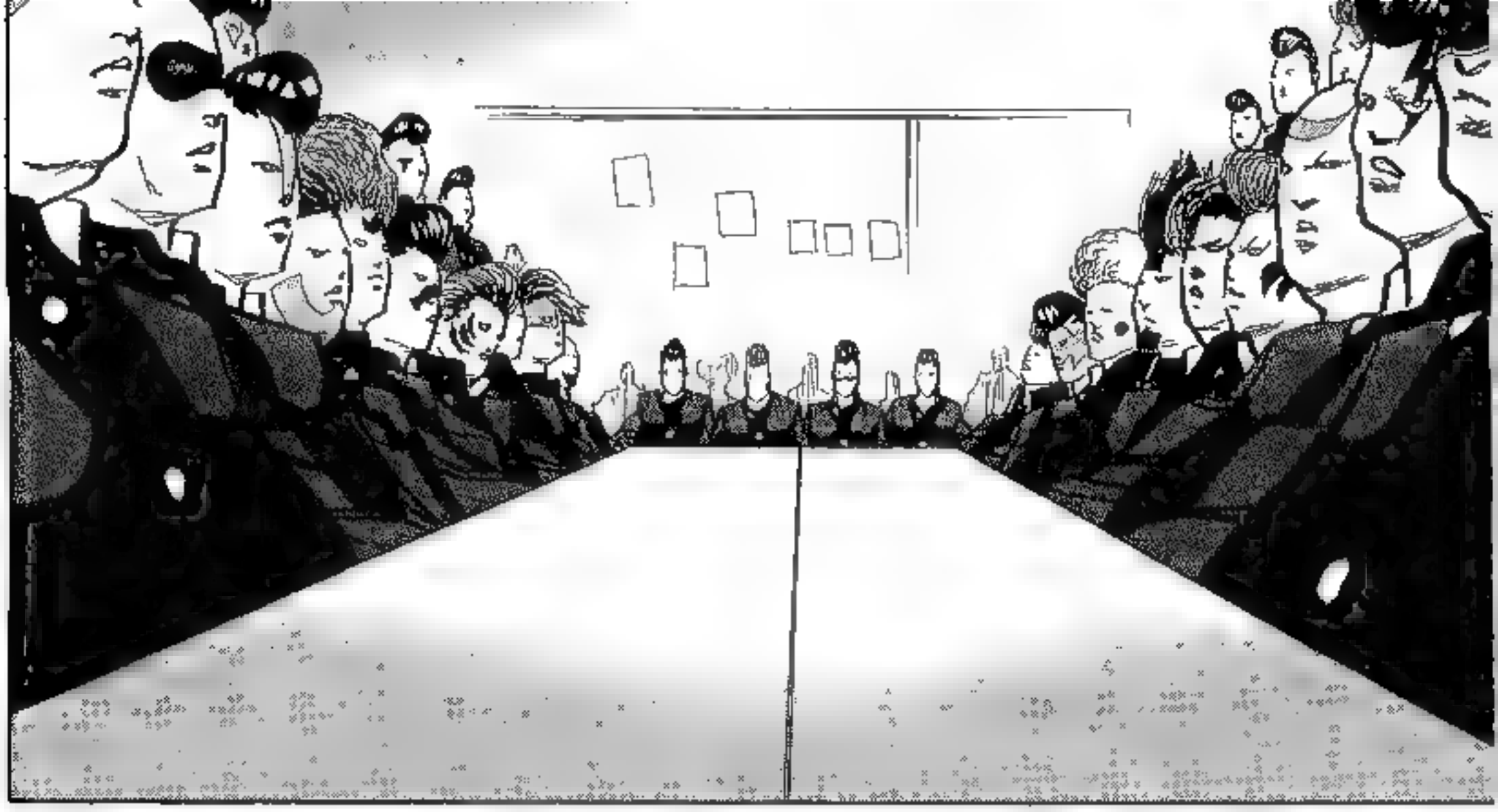
HAHAHA!!

THE NEXT DAY

HELL YEAH !!

LET'S GET THE MEETING STARTED, SHALL WE!!

RIGHT! HERE WE ARE, TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING!!



PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR MAKE-UPS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY APPLIED.

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DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S YOUR KIN ON DEATH'S DOOR OR THE SKY IS RAINING DOWN SPEARS! YOU GOT TO GIVE IT ALL AND FIGHT LIKE HELL UNTIL YOU ATTAIN VICTORY!

LISTEN UP PUNKS! BRAWLS ARE ALL ABOUT PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE!

YEAH, GOTTO LEARN FROM HIM MORE...

THAT'S FUJIMOTO FOR YOU... HIS INSIGHTS ARE JUST DIFFER-ENT.

. . . . . .

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MAN. I'M DONE.

TALK ABOUT AKIBA AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!!

RIGHT...

. . . . . .

I GUESS THAT MEANS THE BOOM IS STILL GOING STRONG...

IT'S BEEN ONLY A YEAR AND THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SITES ABOUT AKIBA...

SO NOW'S A GOOD TIME TO BROADEN MY HORIZON AND EXPLORE OTHER SITES...

...IN THE PAST, I'VE ONLY BEEN VISITING THE SAME VIEW SITES THAT CATERED TO MY INTERESTS,

THIS TOPIC SEEMS WELCOMING ENOUGH...

HMM...

AKIBA CHATROOM

Relax and Just chill with us!!

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WELL THEN, LET'S SEE IF THERE ARE ANYTHING INTERESTING SITES AMONG THE NEW ONES...

"I'M 11PM. I'VE BEEN AROUND AKIHABARA FOR QUITE A WHILE, HOPE TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH EVERYONE LOL."

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"NICE TO MEET YOU!"

...HMM.

WELCOME, DUDE.

AN AKIBA VETERAN EH? THAT'S THE SORT OF PERSON WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING HERE.

WOULD LOVE TO HEAR WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO SAY.

...HUH?

A FELLOW AKIBA COMPATRIOT!
I'M YASU, A REGULAR HERE.
I TAKE IT THAT YOU TOO ARE AN
EXPERT OF THE MOE CAMP THEN?

"WHAT IS THIS 'MOE CAMP' YOU SPEAK OF?"

" SORRY, DO PARDON ME BUT... "

MOE... CAMP?

NOW, NOW, AN AKIBA PROWLER ASKING WHAT IS 'MOE'?

THAT'S LIKE A BASEBALL FAN ASKING WHAT A HOMERUN IS!

EH !?

"I'M AN IT GEEK SO I OFTEN VISIT AKIBA BUT... THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD OF IT. IS THIS 'MOE' THING SOME KIND OF A NEW HARD WARE? "

"NO WAIT, HOLD ON A SEC... I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT..."

> I'M AN IT GEEK SO I OFTEN VISIT AKIBA

YEAH, THAT'S THE COMMON GO TO EXCUSE ALRIGHT LOL. USED THAT WITH MY FOLKS TOO! RELAX, DUDE YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT HERE!

LOOK MAN, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT THIS IS THE INTERNET, YOU KNOW? CAN'T YOU JUST BE HONEST? THERE'S NO NEED TO MAKE UP SUCH A LIE HERE.

'AKIBA=MOE' IS THE COMMON PHRASE NOW ISN'T IT? NOBODY CALLS AKIBA THE COMPUTER STREET ANYMORE, RIGHT?

I'M MITANI, THE MOD HERE.

11PM, I DON'T REALLY WANT TO DO THIS BUT CAN YOU PLEASE LEAVE THIS CHATROOM?

WE REALLY DON'T NEED ANY TROLLS TRYING TO STIR UP TROUBLE OVER HERE.

>FEEDING THE TROLL

I SERIOUSLY HOPE YOU GUYS DON'T DO THIS. JUST IGNORE HIM, JEEZ.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS 'MOE' THING...!?

AKIHABARA

I WENT TO AKIBA FOR A BIT AGAIN RECENTLY

"UHMM, I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT LAST TIME...

AND BOUGHT SOME WORKS THAT ARE CONSIDERED PART OF THIS MOE MOVEMENT."

...I SEE, THAT'S HOW THE KANJI IS WRITTEN... I THINK I GET THE GIST OF IT NOW."

"I THINK I GOT WHAT IT MEANS...

HOWEVER, SINCE I AM AFTER ALL A REGULAR OF AKIBA, I THOUGHT THAT I OUGHT TO PUT SOME EFFORT INTO UNDERSTAND-ING THE ROOT OF THIS MOE CULTURE."

"I GUESS THAT'S WHAT THEY MEAN WHEN THEY SAY THE TIMES ARE CHANG-ING...?

IN FACT, EVEN THE COMPUTER PARTS SHOP I FREQUENT NOW HAS HALF A SECTION THAT'S DEDICATED TO MOE TYPE OF WORKS..."

"TRUTH BE TOLD, I HAVE VAGUELY NOTICED THAT THE SCENES IN AKIHABARA HAVE BEEN CHANGING, BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT IT'S TO SUCH A DRASTIC EXTENT.

MITANI HERE. WAIT, SO YOU REALLY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT MOE IS... (ROFL).

OH WELL, THIS COUNTS A FATED ENCOUNTER TOO. FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS ABOUT MOE CULTURE WITH US FROM NOW ON!

'SUP, YOSHI HERE. GOOD LUCK MAN. PERSONALLY, MOE CAN BE DEFINED AS SUCH (THIS DEFINITION OF MINE IS ALREADY QUITE LOOSE):

- SOMEWHAT LEWD BUT NOT PERVERTED
- IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT BEING EXPLICIT AS THERE'S SOME STORY TO GO WITH TOO
- THERE'S CUTE GIRLS (THIS ONE IS IMPORTANT LOL)
- IMAGINATION ABOUT WHAT THE CHARACTERS ARE UP TO IN PARTS NOT SHOWN IN THE STORY

I'LL GIVE IT A GO BEFORE I SHARE MY THOUGHTS WITH YOU (LOL)."

"ANYWAY, UPON THE SHOPKEEPER'S RECOMMENDATION, I BOUGHT YOKONAGA WAIDO SENSEI'S NOVEL, 'RECORDS OF PLASMA WARS'.

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"I GOT IT."

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PARDON ME, BUT HAVE I SCREWED UP? (PANIC)

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RECORDS OF PLASMA WARS? THAT'S NOT SOMETHING FOR CASUALS! THE EMPLOYEES THESE DAYS HAVE SHIT TASTES.

"WELL, I'LL JUST TRY READING IT FIRST..."

MITANI HERE. WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT RECORDS OF PLASMA WARS ISN'T REALLY AN ENTRY LEVEL TITLE, IT REALLY ISN'T THAT HARD TO GET INTO. YOU MIGHT NEED TO GET A FEEL OF THE SETTINGS AND SO ON BUT IT'S FINE. BESIDES, A FRIEND OF MINE ACTUALLY GOT INTO THE MOE CULTURE BECAUSE OF THIS TITLE.

YUMI AND KEIKO ARE 3RD YEARS OF PLASMA GIRLS' ACADEMY AND THEY ARE CURRENTLY FACING A MAJOR DECISION - FINDING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTINUING WITH THEIR STUDIES... "

"IT'S THE WAR TORN WORLD OF AD 20XX...

THE STAGE IS SET IN A GIRLS' SCHOOL.

"WHY MUST IT BE A GIRLS' SCHOOL?"

"UMM, JUST WONDER-ING..."

"OK ..."

FORGET ABOUT THAT... DON'T SWEAT ON THE MINOR DETAILS, CUZ YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ENJOY WHAT MOE IS THAT WAY.

ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS? IF IT'S SET IN A BOY'S SCHOOL THEN NOBODY WOULD CARE RIGHT? WHO THE HELL WOULD WANT TO READ SOMETHING THAT ONLY FEATURES GUYS!

AN HOUR LATER

"I WAS REALLY MOVED BY THE PART WHERE YUMI WAS DRAFTED... IN PARTICULAR, THE SCENE WHERE KEIKO WENT TO WAR ON BEHALF OF YUMI WHO HAD TO TOOK CARE OF HER OLD GRANDMOTHER ON HER BEHALF - I WAS REALLY TOUCHED BY HOW RESOLUTE SHE WAS..."

"I'VE READ THE MATERIALS AT HAND AND PUT MUCH THOUGHT INTO IT."

YOU KNOW...HOW DO I PUT THIS, THAT KIND OF THING DOESN'T REALLY MATTER. LOOKS LIKE 11PM JUST DOESN'T GET MOE AT ALL.

"...WELL, THAT'S MY IMPRESSION OF THE STORY SO FAR. WHAT DO YOU THINK?"

LIKE I SAID! THE DEVELOPMENT DOESN'T MATTER! LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT TO LEARN WHAT THE ESSENCE OF MOE IS RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING. SERIOUSLY MAN, READ ABOUT IT PROPERLY BEFORE YOU POST.

"...ANYWAY, I'M EXCITED ABOUT HOW THE STORY'S GONNA GO FROM HERE.

...WHEN'S THE NEXT VOLUME COMING OUT?"

THE STORY'S DEVELOPMENT DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER MUCH EITHER...

...BUT IN TRUTH, IT SEEMS LIKE THE STORY DOESN'T REALLY MATTER...

...CAUSES ONE TO SKIP A BEAT OVER HOW ADORABLE SHE IS, WITH A SLIGHT TOUCH OF BEING LEWD...WHILE THERE STILL BE SOME KIND OF STORY BEING RELEVENT...

THIS MOE THINGY ...

...WELL, LET'S JUST TRY REVIEWING THEM...

WHAT THE FUCK IS MOE!?

THEN...

THE WELLBEING OF YUMI'S SICKLY GRANDMA WORRIES ME TOO!!

Then there's also Yumi's education choice!!

I'M REALLY INTERESTED IN HOW THE STORY WILL PROGRESS!!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO KEIKO!?

She's going into the battlefield right!?

OH RIGHT,

FUCK YEAH!!

RIGHT FELLAS! IT'S TIME TO BRING ON THE FIGHTS!!

NAH, IT'S FINE. THE BRAWL'S MORE IMPORTANT AFTER ALL...

DON'T YOU NEED TO VISIT YOUR GRANDMA?

...WHO?

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THINK ABOUT KEIKO'S FEELINGS!!

GOT TOO ADDICTED TO THE STORY HUH (LOL).

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The Singer Not The Song

SEEMS LIKE IT HAS ALREADY MISSED THE RIGHT TIME TO END IT, WHAT A SHAME.
WISH THEY'LL JUST HURRY AND END IT.
YEAH, DIDN'T EXPECT THE SHOW TO LAST THIS LONG.

FU-FUJIMOTO ...!?

WHAT THE...

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THEN DON'T WATCH IT!

IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT,

AND THE POINTS ARE ALWAYS SO REASONA-BLE IT'S HARD TO REFUTE...

THAT'S FUJIMOTO FOR YOU... ALWAYS TO THE POINT...

THAT'S IT.

RIGHT...

LAST WEEK, I JUST GOT INTO THAT WHOLE 'MOE' CULTURE, AND MY FIRST STEP BEGAN WITH THIS "RECORDS OF PLASMA WAR",

APPARENTLY IT'S NOT SOMETHING REALLY ACCESSIBLE FOR CASUALS BUT THEN AGAIN, IT'S SAID THAT THIS IS THE WORK THAT GOT MANY INTO THE 'MOE' CULTURE...

COMMONLY ABBREVIATED AS "PLASWAR", IT'S A NOVEL THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF THE 'MOE' MOVEMENT...

LET'S TRY AND REVIEW...

THE PROTAGONISTS ARE BUT REGULAR STUDENTS AT THE PRIVATE INSTITUTION, PLASMA GIRLS' ACADEMY. KEIKO WAS JUST A NORMAL STUDENT...

IT'S THE WAR TORN WORLD OF AD 20XX. THE STAGE IS SET IN A CERTAIN GIRLS' SCHOOL...

HOWEVER ONE DAY, YUMI RECEIVED NEWS THAT SHE'S BEING DRAFTED...

AND HER CLASSMATE AND BEST FRIEND, THE EVER JOVIAL YUMI HAD TO TAKE CARE OF HER SICKLY GRANDMOTHER...

AND THUS RESOLVED TO ENLIST ON YUMI'S BEHALF...

KIND AND SYMPATHETIC KEIKO WAS SADDENED BY YUMI'S PREDICEMENT,

BUT BECAUSE IT WAS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF YUMI, KEIKO WAS NOT DAUNTED BY THE DANGERS...

OF COURSE, IF SHE GETS FOUND OUT, SHE MIGHT GET COURT MARTIALLED.

DOING THIS KIND OF SUMMARY WHEN THERE'S NOBODY AROUND... IT SEEMS KIND OF POINTLESS...

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WELL THAT'S THE GIST OF IT... BUT...

I INITIALLY HARBOURED MUCH PREJUDICE TOWARDS THIS MOE CULTURE BUT UPON FURTHER READING, I DARESAY I'M C OMPLETELY ENGROSSED IN IT. I GUESS I WAS BEING THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT DECRIED A CERTAIN FOOD AS BEING BAD BEFORE EVEN TASTING IT...

ANYWAY, THIS NOVEL IS INDEED A FINE PIECE OF LITERATURE.

I'M SO ANXIOUS ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHT NOW THAT I CAN'T EVEN FOCUS ON MY MEALS...

SO... I WONDER HOW THINGS WILL GO WITH KEIKO ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

LATEST VOLUME OF "RECORDS OF PLASMA WAR"

RELEASE DAY

SURE...

I'D LIKE A COPY OF... RECORDS OF PLASMA WAR... PLEASE...

ALRIGHT, NOW I GET TO FIND OUT HOW THE STORY IS PROGRES-SING.

HOW'S KEIKO DOING?

HERE WE GO...

AND HER BEST FRIEND, YUMI? WHAT ABOUT THE GRANDMA? SO MANY LOOSE ENDS, I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO READ AND FIND OUT!

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AN HOUR LATER

KEIKO DEBUTED AS A SINGER IN THE ENEMY MINES...!?

...

THAT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE! ISN'T THAT DEVELOPMENT RATHER FORCED!?

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD! HOW'S THAT EVEN POSSIBLE !?

Akiba Chatroom

I'M GUESSING THERE'S A MASSIVE SHIT-STORM GOING ON HERE TOO...

ALL THAT EMOTIONAL BUILD UP FOR NOTHING...

THIS IS JUST BAD...

... ...HUH?

THEY MUST BE PRETTY PISSED OFF BY THIS STUPID DEVELOPMENT TOO...

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I'M SURE THEY'VE GOT A LOT TO SAY ABOUT THIS.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN EXPECTING HER TO DEBUT AS A SINGER, IT WAS STILL A PLEASANT SURPRISE TO FIND THAT IT REALLY WENT THERE! AWESOME, CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT VOLUME.

JUST READ IT. IT'S FANTASTIC. (^ ^)/ THAT WAS ONE HECK OF A DEVELOPMENT!

IT'S ME, 11PM, THE AMATEUR OF MOE CULTURE."

HOW ARE YOU GUYS DOING?

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WHY ARE GUYS GIVING IT SUCH HIGH PRAISES? ISN'T SUCH A DEVELOPMENT JUST PLAIN WEIRD? NOW, IT'S AS THOUGH IT'S TURNED INTO SOME KIND OF A GAG MANGA!!"

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"I GOT THE EXACT OPPOSITE REACTION WITH REGARDS TO THE LATEST VOLUME.

...HMM !?

IN FACT, NOW I ACTUALLY REALLY HAVE LOST THE DESIRE TO CONTINUE READING SUCH A RIDICULOUS STORY!!"

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"BESIDES, WASN'T IT PREVIOUSLY SAID THAT THINGS LIKE HOW THE STORY PROGRESS DOESN'T REALLY MATTER...?

OH SHEESH, THERE'S ALWAYS THAT GUY, ISN'T THERE.

EVER THE PEDANT WITH THAT CONSTANT NITPICKING.

YOU DISGUST ME.

I DON'T THINK THE DEVELOPMENT WAS WEIRD AT ALL.

IT'S MORE LIKE, FINALLY! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

SOMEONE ON THE BATTLEFIELD IS SUDDENLY DEBUTING AS A SINGER, YOU KNOW?

THAT'S JUST TOO UNBELIEVABLE!!"

カタカタ

"BUT THE DEVEL-OPMENT IS ABSURD, ISN'T IT!?

HUH? WHAT THE...

IF YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM WITH IT WHY NOT TRY WRITING YOUR OWN DAMN NOVEL? ALL YOU'RE DOING IS JUST COMPLAINING: ANYONE CAN DO THAT!!

UGH ...

UMM, UNBELIEVABLE YOU SAY... (-_-") BE IT NOVELS OR MANGA, AREN'T THEY ALL MAKE-BELIEVE TO BEGIN WITH? LOOK AT THUMBELINA FOR EXAMPLE, SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENING IN REAL LIFE IS JUST AS UNBELIEVABLE RIGHT? ARE YOU GOING TO PICK ON EACH AND EVERY ISSUE?

...HMM !?

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'SUP, THIS IS MITANI THE MOD HERE.
HEY MAN, THIS IS JUST A WORK OF FICTION SO THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO FIXATED ON IT. JUST SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE RIDE. TO BEGIN WITH, THE IDEA THAT A SCHOOL GIRL IS BEING ENLISTED TO FIGHT IN A WAR IS IN ITSELF SOMETHING THAT IS UNBELIEVABLE, ISN'T IT? YOU GOT OVER THAT INITIAL BARRIER AND END UP ENJOYING IT ANYWAY, DIDN'T YOU?

SO REALLY, ISN'T HER BECOMING A SINGER NOTHING MUCH TO REALLY HARP ABOUT?

YEAH, IT'S LIKE THE SAYING GOES: THE DEEPER THE LOVE, THE STRONGER THE HATE. WE'RE HERE BECAUSE WE'RE ALL FANS OF PLASWAR, SO LET'S JUST GET ALONG AND HAVE FUN!!

I GUESS I WAS BEING SOMEWHAT IMMATURE IN MY APPROACH... PERHAPS THAT'S JUST THE EVIDENCE OF HOW MUCH I LOVE PLASWAR."

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"MITANI, THANKS FOR YOUR KIND WORDS.

IT JUST AS YOU SAID. HAVING THOUGHT THROUGH THINGS A BIT, I THINK THAT IT INDEED IS THE BEST TO HAVE HER DEBUTING AS A SINGER, FOR IT SERVES TO FORM A CERTAIN BALANCE TO THE DARK IMAGERY OF WAR."

"THANKS A LOT. BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU'VE SAID, I'VE ONCE AGAIN REGAINED THE CONFIDENCE TO CONTINUE READING.

AH YEAH, THAT'S BEEN ON MY MIND TOO. IN FACT, I'M SURE EVERYONE ELSE IS JUST AS WORRIED ABOUT HER! AFTER ALL, SHE CERTAINLY IS ONE OF THE KEY CHARACTER OF THE STORY!

AS LONG AS SHE GETS WELL, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO COMPLAINS."

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"WITH THAT SAID THOUGH, I SURE AM CONCERNED WITH THE WELLBEING OF YUMI'S GRANDMA.

I'M JUST SO EXCITED FOR HOW THE STORY WILL UNFOLD!!"

"YEAH! WELL, I CERTAINLY LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT VOLUME!!

...INDEED !!

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A FEW MONTHS LATER

WHAT THE FUCK... EVEN THE GRANDMA'S DEBUTING AS A SINGER...!?

SO, HOW'S IT GOING, 11PM?

CURRENTLY TAKING IN APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF WRITER OF "PLASWAR".

第291話

Biker Like An Icon

そば屋

WELCOME!

COMING!!

TWO SERVINGS OF BUCKWHEAT SOBA WITH SOUP PLEASE!

WELCOME!

LET'S SEE...

HMM.

GOT IT.

WE'VE GOT A DELIVERY TO MRS YAMADA ON DISTRICT 3.

RIGHT,

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HERE WE GO.

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I'M OFF.

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YEAH.

BE CAREFUL ON THE WAY.

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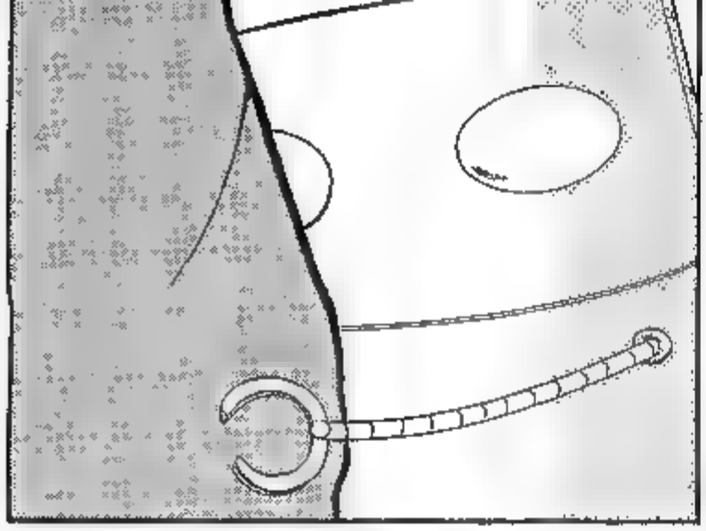

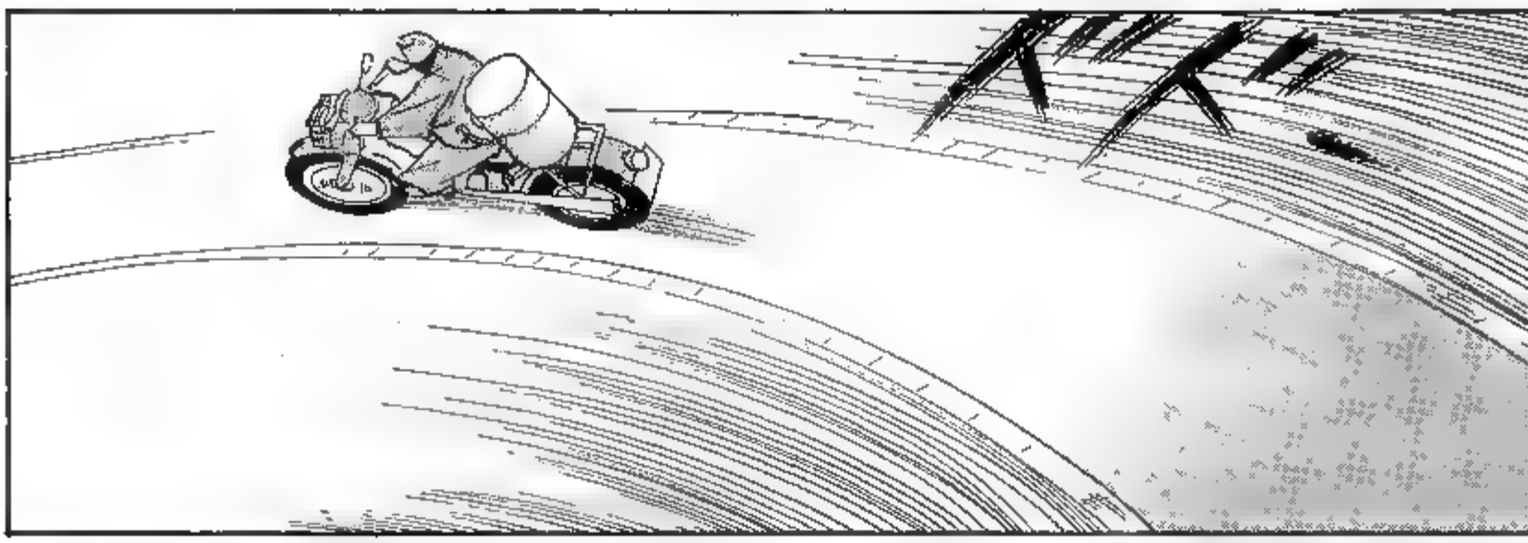

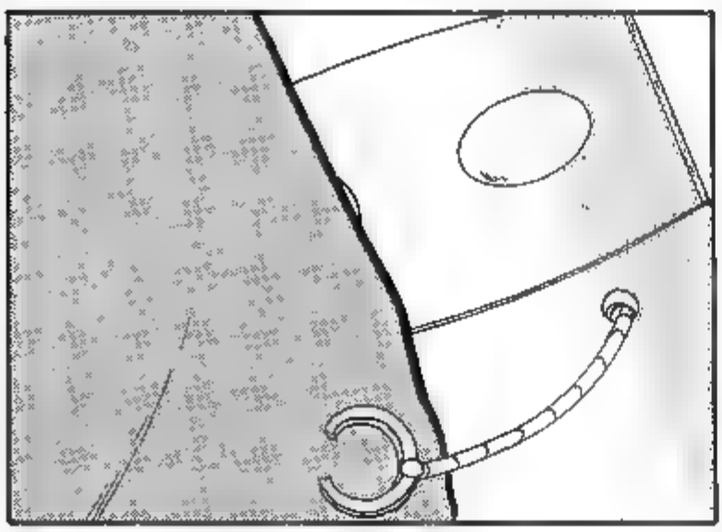

OK, WE'RE HERE.

EXCUSE ME...

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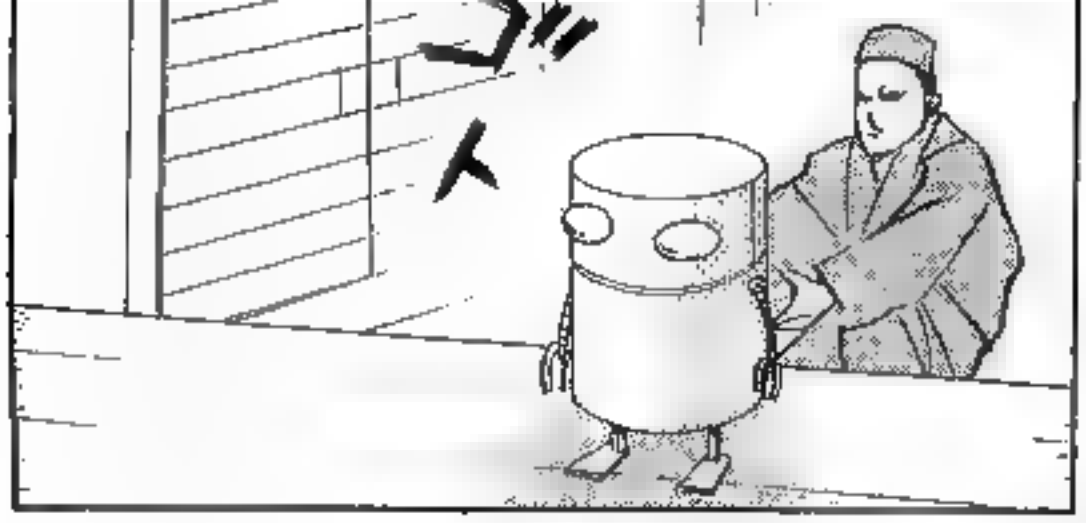
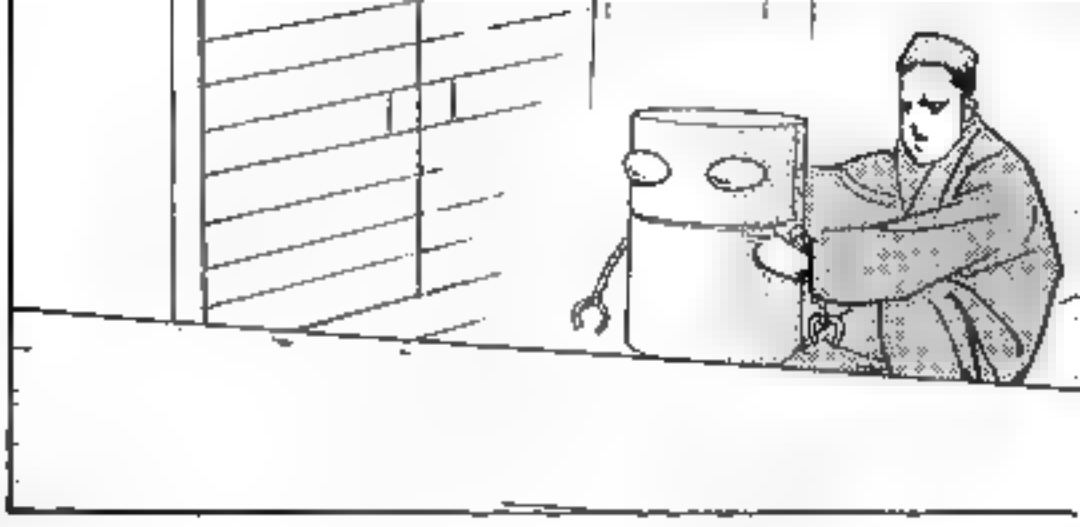
DELIVERY FROM THE SOBA HOUSE.

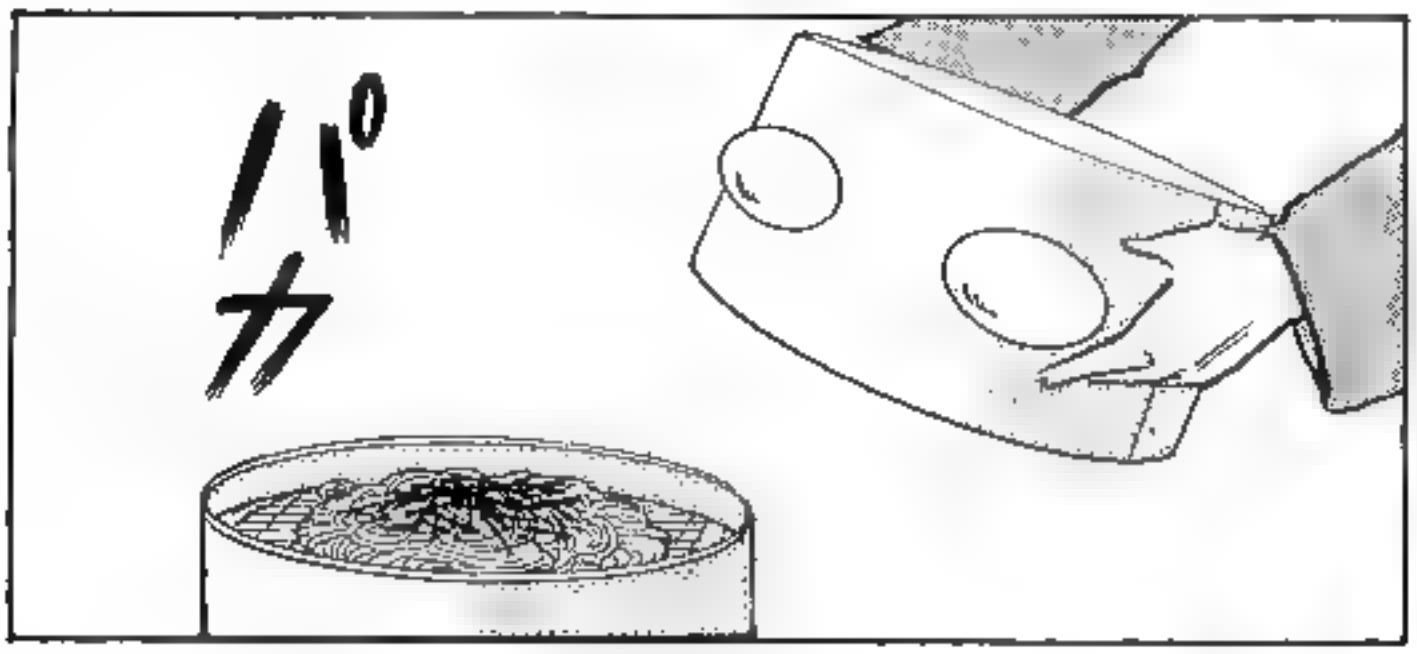
AH, THANKS A LOT.

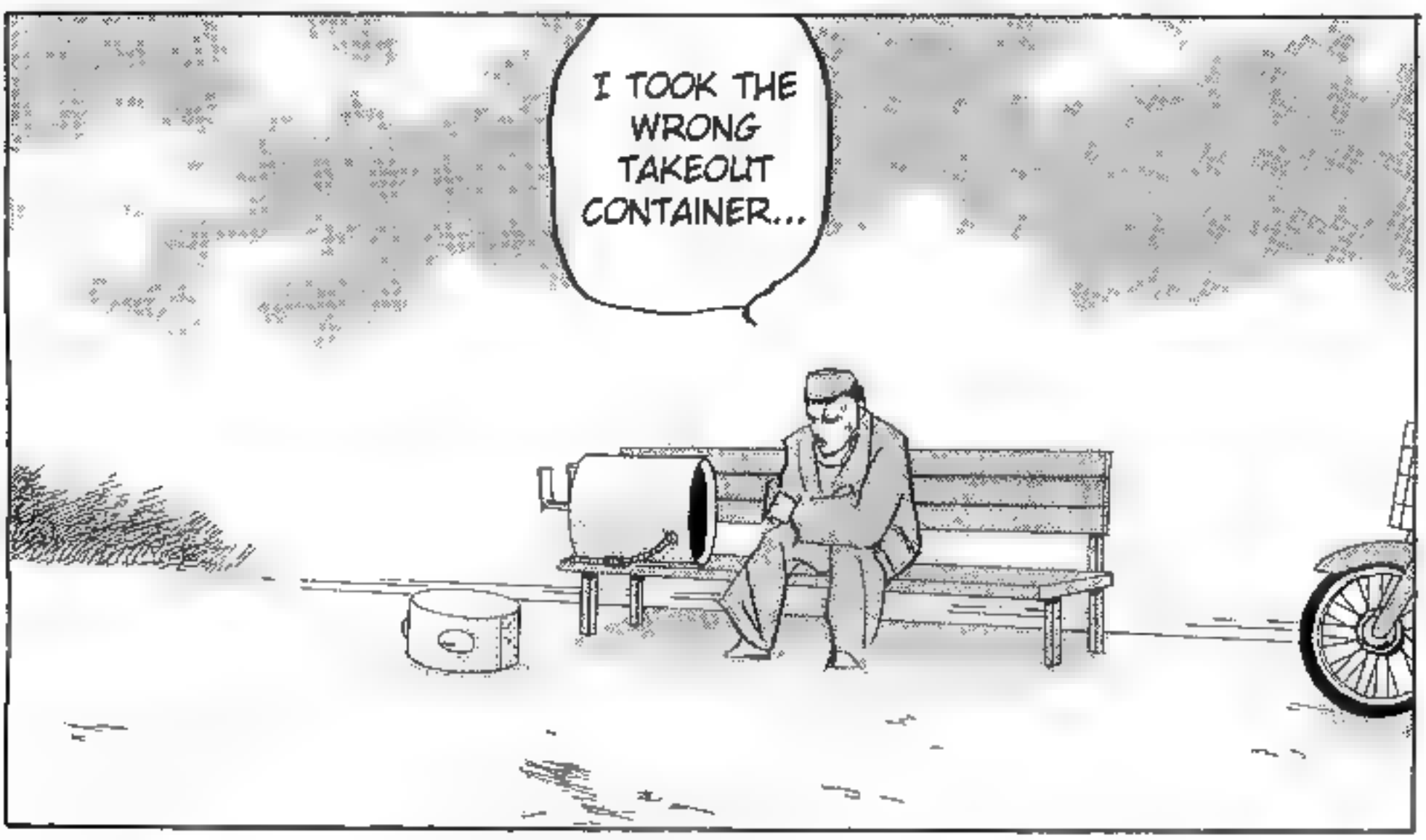
CHILLED SOBA FOR TWO, I BELIEVE?

LET'S SEE..









YOU SHOULD HAVE NOTICED IT THE MOMENT YOU LOADED THE SOBA!

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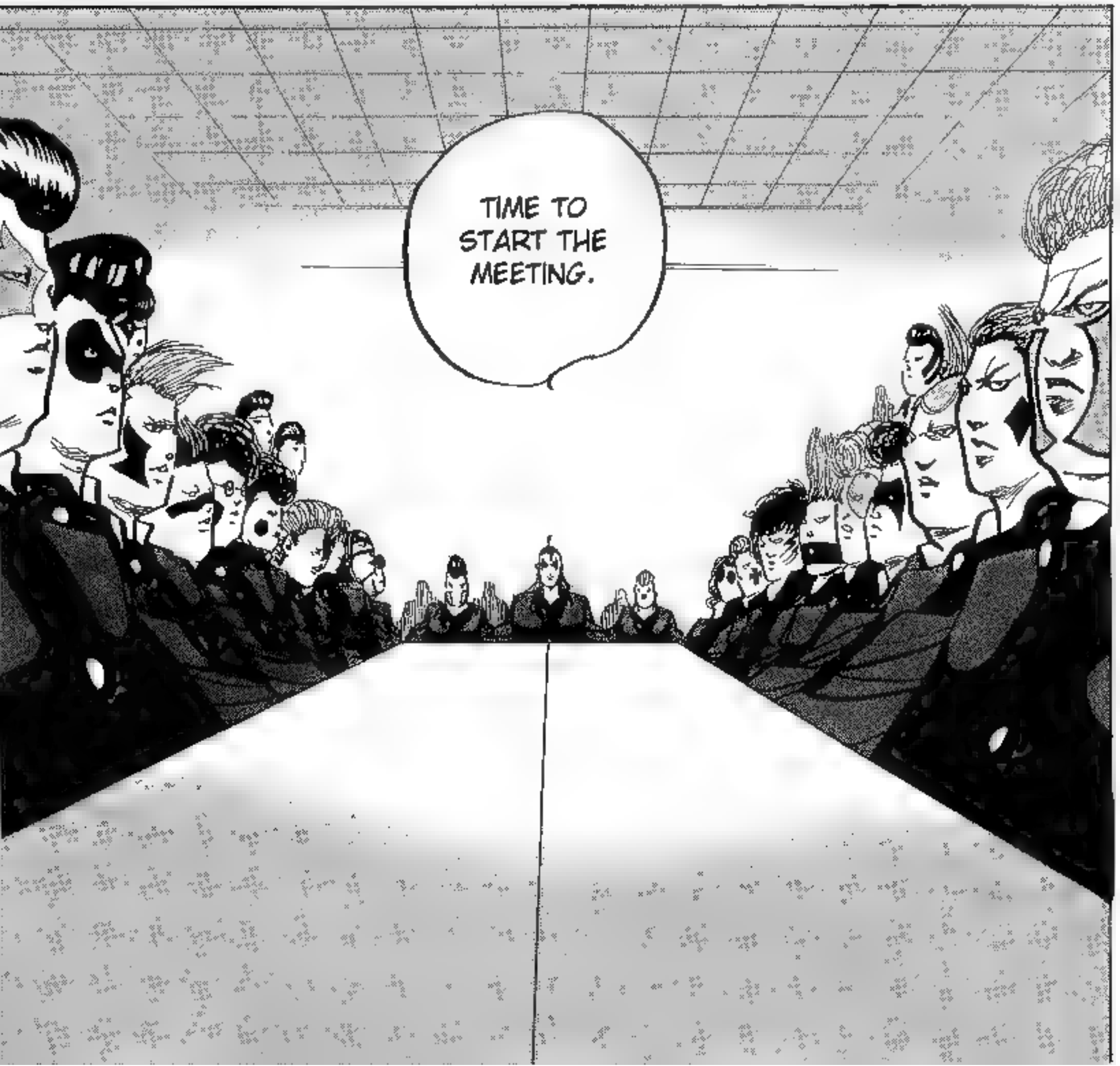

A ROLL CALL.

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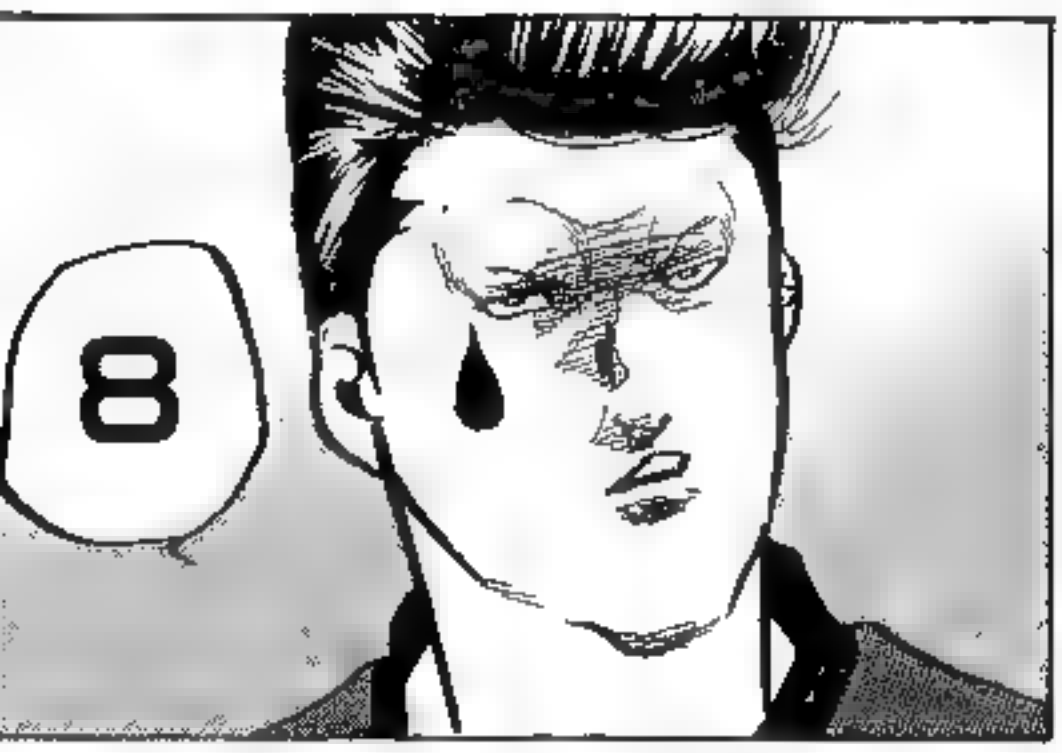
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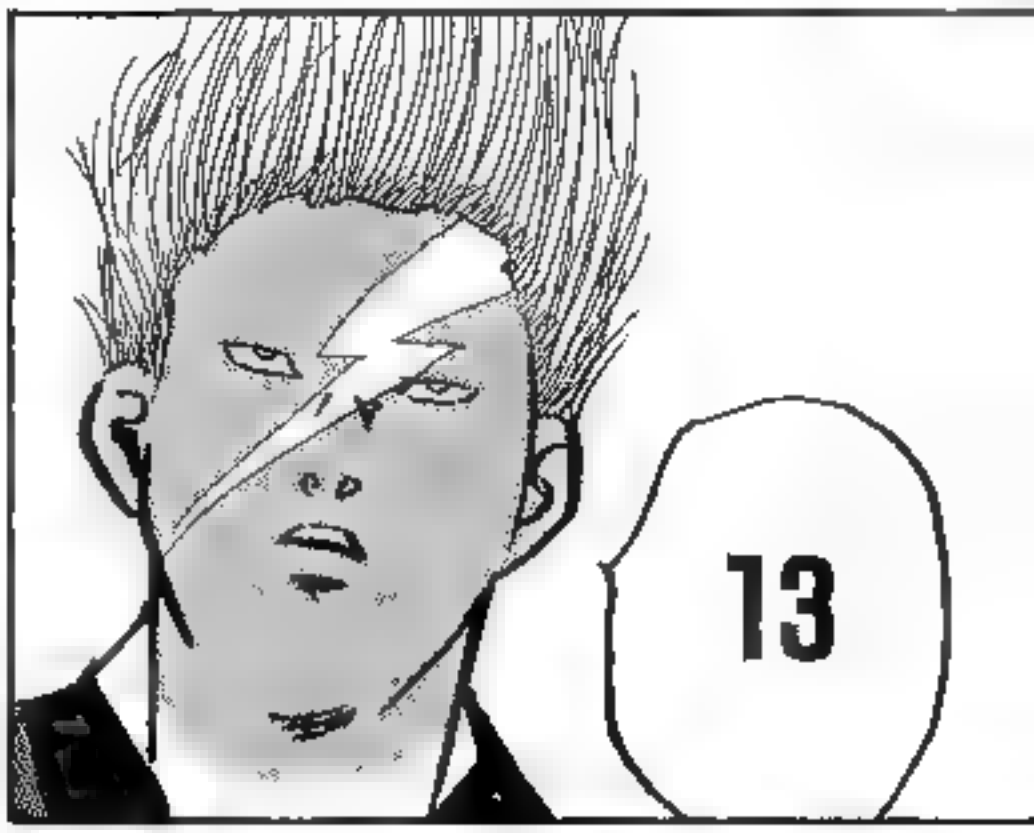
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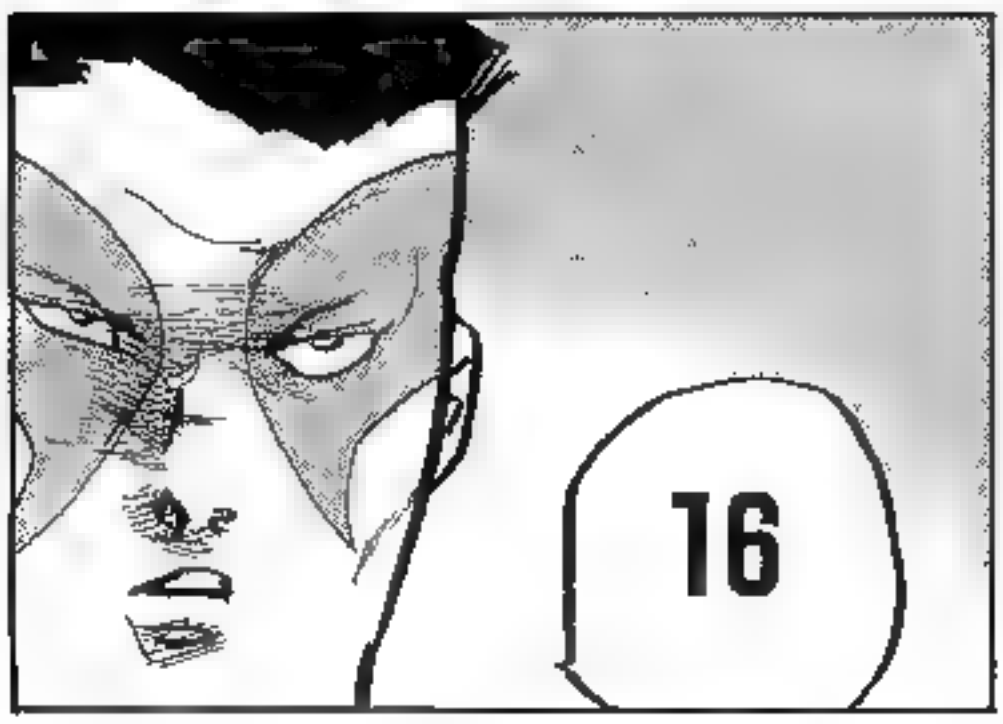
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...STOP.

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THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO REPLIED TWICE.

JUST NOW,

SO, WE'LL HAVE TO

START ALL OVER AGAIN.

THE MEETINGS ARE GETTING LONGER AND LONGER...

MORE LIKE THE MEETING DIDN'T EVEN BEGIN.

緊急特集

「プラズマ戦記」とは？

「プラズマ戦記」とは何か。それは「魁!!クロマティ高校」の作中に登場した、萌え系ノベルス（by藤本）である。

クロ高キャラの中でも、陰ではかなりの人気を誇るネット番長藤本。実生活では無敵を誇るケンカ番長だが、ネット世界では腰の低いもの凄くいい人、という逆マトリックスな彼氏だが、アキバにパーツを買いに行くのが趣味という、アキバの王道を歩んできた男でもある。

その藤本が、萌えの世界に足を踏み入れてしまうことからそれは始まる。まあ実際、現在の秋葉原の変貌ぶりを見れば、アキバマニアの藤本がその手の萌え系に関わってしまうのは避けられないことであったと言っていいだろう。むしろ遅すぎの感さえある。そして萌え初心者の藤本が、ネットで萌え入門として紹介された作品が「プラズマ戦記」であった。ちなみに作者は横永ワイド。明らかにテレビを見ながら思いついたとしか思えないネーミングに、野中英次テイストが漂うんですが。

△コレがその「プラズマ戦記」表紙（笑）。通は「プラ戦」と略すらしい。

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緊急特集 「プラズマ戦記」とは？

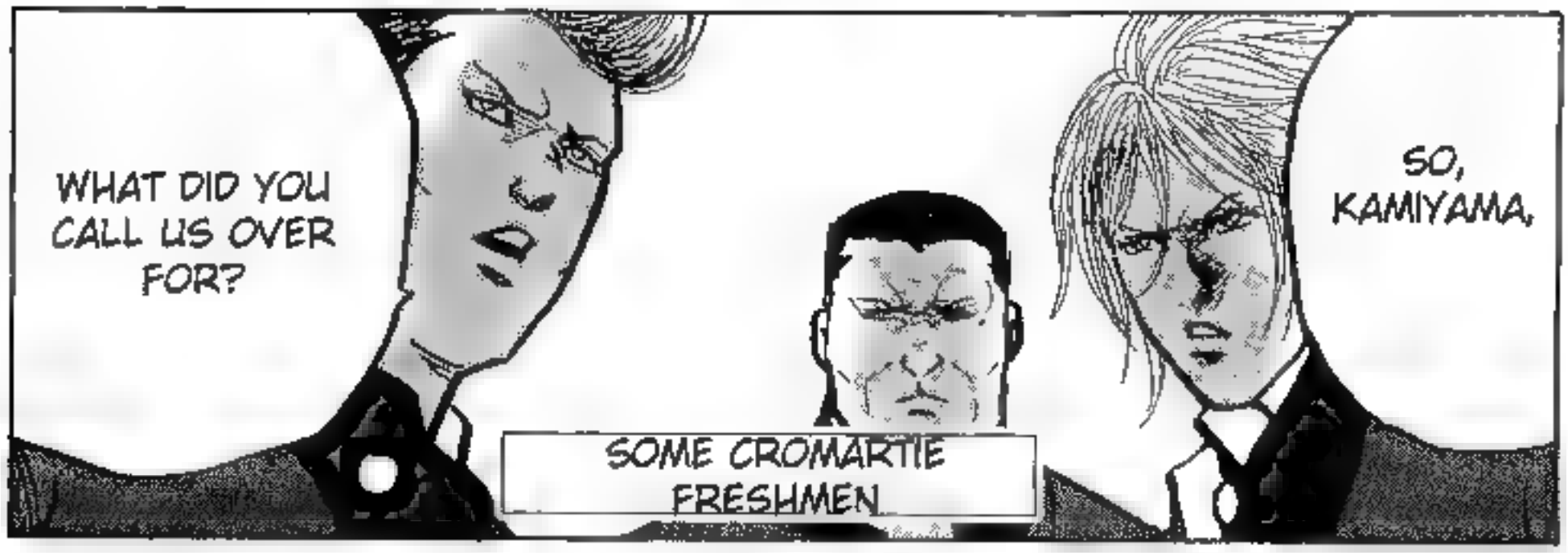
近未来、世界戦争まっただ中の時代の女子校が舞台で、主人公ケイコは友人の身代わりとなって軍人になる、という深いんだか浅いんだかわからない（たぶん浅い）世界観の物語らしい。人気の萌え系小説だ。まだアニメ化などのメディアミックスはなされていないようで、そこら辺も先物買いのマニア心をくすぐるポイントと思われる。しかし、どうやら萌え初心者には難しい（ネット情報）そうだが、努力した読本は見事にすっかりハマる（笑）。

まあ、突然主人公が歌手デビューしたり、病気のお姫さんも歌手デビューしたりとまったくもって先の読めない展開は、読本ならずとも続きが気になって仕方ないというもの。現在、そこまでの展開しか作中では描かれていないのが残念である。

おそらく作者・野中氏はもうすっかり「プラ戦」のことは忘れていると思われるが、一部の読者からは「プラ戦の続きが読みたい」という熱いメッセージも届いております。格好良く言えば萌え文化を脱構築（プツーに言うと嫌がらせ）するような展開にファンもいたのかと痛感。そこで、続きを描いてくれる作家を募集!! プロ・アマ問わず！ もちろん我々が全面協力！ マガジン本誌で募集した際は無視されましたが（笑）、我こそは、というキミの応募を待ってるぞ!!

△で、結局「萌え」が何かわかったんでしょうかこの人

第293話 Tell me a lie



HMM, YEAH.

BUT WOULD OUR POWERS BE ENOUGH?

OH... IF IT'S FROM KAMIYAMA THEN I GUESS I GOTTO LISTEN.

ACTUALLY, TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, IT'S NOT ME WHO NEEDS HELP, BUT MY CLASSMATE, HAYASHIDA.

SO, WHAT IS IT?

HAYASHIDA...?

. . . . . .

'SUP, I'M HAYAS-HIDA.

AH, IT'S HIM.

WHO...?

.....

THIS IS JUST BETWEEN US; HAYASHIDA'S RECENTLY BEEN HANGING OUT ON A CERTAIN SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE

ANYWAY, TO PUT IT SIMPLY,

YEAH... HER NAME'S AYAKA.

AND HE'S GOTTEN TO KNOW OF A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL OVER THERE.

UH-HUH...

BECAUSE YOU'RE CHATTING UP WITH A GIRL, I DID END UP BRAGGING UP A BIT.

...WELL, I'M SURE YOU GUYS KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT RIGHT?

SO HE KIND OF OVERDID THINGS AND ENDED UP EXAGGERATING A LITTLE TOO MUCH ...

AND THEN ADDING ON THINGS LIKE 'I'VE GOT OVER A 100 UNDERLINGS!' AND THAT SORT!

THINGS LIKE 'GOOD AT FIGHTS' ENDED UP BEING SAID AS '#1 BADASS IN TOWN' RIGHT?

AH YEAH, I GET WHAT YOU MEAN.

AH, YOU SEE...

SO, WHAT DID YOU TELL HER?

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MIND OUR HELP!

NO WORRIES, WE'RE MORE THAN HAPPY TO POSE AS YOUR UNDERLINGS IF IT NEEDS BE SO!

THE... THE CEO, YOU SAY ...!?

I JUST KINDA...

HE SAID THAT HE'S THE CEO OF A FIRM...

ISN'T SHE TOO GULLIBLE...

SHE HAS ALREADY COMPLETELY BELIEVED ME.

IT'S STILL SOMEWHAT MORE PROBABLE IF YOU'VE SAID THE SON OF THE CEO BUT TO GO STRAIGHT AS THE CEO...

WHAT THE...

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JUST A HIGH SCHOOLER... ISN'T THAT LIE A LITTLE TOO...

WHAT THE HECK...

SO... IT'S UP TO US TO POSE AS HIS EMPLOYEES.

REALLY ...?

...AND THEN SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE OFFICE

UH... HAVEN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT...

WHAT SORT OF FIRM ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE FROM?

ONE THING THOUGH...

HUH?

WE LEAVE THAT FOR LATER?

WE GOT TO ESTABLISH WHAT TYPE OF FIRM IT IS FIRST.

ALRIGHT... LET'S START FROM THE BEGINNING.

FOR A START WE SHOULD FOCUS ON HOW TO DECEIVE HER.

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE REALLY PLANNING TO START A BUSINESS AND MAKE MONEY SO...

IT'S USUALLY GOT TO BE A SUIT RIGHT?

FIRST, WE CAN'T BE WEARING OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM...

AH YEAH...

THE KEY POINT HERE IS FOR US TO LOOK LIKE WHITE COLLARED WORKERS RIGHT?

WHAT ABOUT ANYTHING SIMILAR?

NO... NOT EVEN A TIE...

YOU GUYS HAVE ANY SUITS?

RE- REALLY ?

THAT WILL HAVE TO DO!

. . . . . .

I'VE ONLY GOT TRACK-SUITS...

.....

WHAT IS IT?

HMMM, DO PARDON ME BUT...

SO... HOW'S THIS...?

.....

WHAT SORT OF FIRM WILL HAVE EMPLOYEES WEARING TRACKSUITS?

HOW SO?

ANYWAY, THE KEY THING NOW IS TO BEHAVE LIKE EM-PLOYEES.

BUT... IT'S TOO LATE TO FIND OUT NOW...

THERE'S GOT TO BE AT LEAST A FEW THOUGH...

...DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THERE'S THAT MANY FIRMS THAT DO THAT...

REALLY?

DAMN...

UHM, HOW DO I PUT IT... IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE GETTING FURTHER AND FURTHER AWAY FROM OUR INITIAL OBJECTIVE...

WELL? WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK?

RATHER, DOES A COMPANY LIKE THAT EVEN EXISTS?

AARGH... WHAT SORT OF COMPANY WOULD HAVE ITS EMPLOY-EES WEAR TRACKSUITS...

NO... I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE MAIN REASON...

AH! GOT IT! IT'S BECAUSE THERE'S NO OFFICE TABLES!

HOW ABOUT A FIRM THAT SPECIALIZES IN PRODUCING TRACKSUITS?

THAT WOULD WORK, WOULDN'T IT?

HMM?

HOLD ON, I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT SOMETHING...

OH, GOOD ONE! THAT'S ANDOU FOR YOU!

I SEE, THAT DOES SEEM TO WORK. I SEE NO PROBLEM AT ALL!

THAT'S IT!!

IT'S NOTHING MUCH REALLY...

WHAT'S WRONG ?

HUH?

AH WELL, IT'S GOOD ALRIGHT BUT...

THAT SHOULD WORK RIGHT!?

SO HOW'S THAT?

ACCIDENTALLY TOLD HER THAT I'M AN AMERICAN AND A MIXED BLOOD...

I GOT TOO AHEAD OF MYSELF AND...

I JUST RECALLED SOMETHING THAT I ONCE TOLD HER...

NO...

SO UH, I TAKE IT THAT YOUR ENGLISH HAS GOT TO BE PRETTY GOOD THEN?

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KID-DING...

ANDOU

WHAT THE HELL !?

BUT I DID SAY THAT MY WORKERS ARE BILINGUAL.

THEN THAT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

AH...

I SAID THAT I MIGRATED TO JAPAN WHEN I WAS 3 SO I CAN'T REALLY SPEAK MUCH ENGLISH.

HUH ...?

DON'T GIVE UP SO SOON.

WE CAN'T SPEAK ENGLISH AT ALL!!

AH SHIT, WE'RE BONED.

...HOLD IT!

WE CAN'T SPEAK ENGLISH AT ALL!

HOW'S THAT GONNA WORK!?

MORN-ING . MEET-INGS?

DO THEY HAVE THAT SORT OF THINGS OVER-SEAS?

WHAT ...?

FROM NOW ON, LET'S TRY HAVING OUR MORNING MEETINGS IN BOTH LANGUAGES.

START!

IN ENG-LISH?

ROLL... CALL?

THEY DO THAT TOO?

TIME FOR THE ROLL CALL!

...FOUR.

...THREE.

...TWO.

...ONE.

PERSEVERE TO SUCCEED! THAT'S WHAT HUMANITY IS ALL ABOUT!

FEELS JUST LIKE AN OVER-SEAS BRANCH!

O-OH, IT MIGHT WORK!

WELL?

SOME-THING ELSE...?

UH, SORRY... NOT SURE HOW TO BREAK IT TO YOU GUYS... I JUST RECALLED SOMETHING ELSE...

HOW'S IT!? GOOD ENOUGH RIGHT?

YES?

THE THING IS YOU SEE...

THANKS A LOT, EVERY-ONE...

YEAH, GO ON!

BUT THE WAY WE ARE NOW, WE SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM DEALING WITH IT! SO FEEL FREE TO LAY IT ON US!

THE TRUTH IS, AYAKA ONCE ASKED WHAT TYPE OF FIRM AND I REPLIED THAT IT'S ONE OF THOSE TYPE THAT'S INTO A WIDE VARIETY OF PRODUCTIONS...

"SO IT'S LIKE A FIRM THAT PRODUCES ALMOST EVERYTHING?" SHE ASKED

"WE DON'T MAKE TRACKSUITS THOUGH" WAS WHAT I SAID...

WHY THE FUCK DID YOU SPECIFICALLY SINGLE THAT ONE OUT!!?

I WONDER IF HE'S DOING IT ON PURPOSE.

HAYASHIDA LIED TO A GIRL HE GOT ACQUAINTED WITH OVER THE NET, TELLING HER THAT HE'S THE CEO OF A FIRM, THUS FORCING HIM TO SET UP A FAKE OFFICE.

SUMMARY FROM PREVIOU-SLY

HMM...

. . . . . .

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT, SIR.

THIS HAS GOT A PRETTY AUTHENTIC OFFICE AMBIENCE, HASN'T IT...

第294話(だいわ) Fire(ファイア)

IT'S ABOUT OUR TRACK SUITS.

WHAT IS IT?

BUT SIR... THERE'S STILL ONE PROBLEM...

UH... HMM, THAT..

SO, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT?

LAST WEEK, DIDN'T YOU COLLECT MONEY FROM US TO GET SOME PROPER SUITS MADE?

AND THEN REALIZED THAT JUST THIS ONE ALONE COST MORE THAN I EXPECTED.

WELL, YOU SEE . I MANAGED TO GET MY OWN SUIT MADE

WHY NOT?

EH?

SORRY, I DIDN'T BUY THEM..

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING RIGHT? OR PERHAPS YOU JUST DON'T GET IT!

WHY COULDN'T YOU HAVE JUST GOTTEN A CHEAPER ONE THEN!?

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

SO I CAN'T GET THEM FOR YOU GUYS AS WELL.

WHAT !?

...SIR, YOUR WAY OF THINKING IS TOO OUTDATED.

DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO LOOK POORLY UPON THE FIRM? COME ON!

LISTEN UP. THE CEO IS LIKE THE FACE OF THE COMPANY, SO YOU GOT TO DRESS THE PART.

IS THAT NOT ONE OF THE KEY STRATEGY THAT ALLOWS ONE TO SURVIVE THROUGH BAD ECONOMIES?

AS THE CEO, YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE SETTING THE EXAMPLE BY CUTTING DOWN ON EXPENSES.

WELL, I SEE WE'VE GOT SOME IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCE GOING ON AND WE CAN SEE THAT THINGS AREN'T GOING TO WORK OUT FOR THE FIRM SO...

GOING TO RUN A ONE-MAN SHOW NOW, I SEE...

PRETENDING TO BE KNOW-IT-ALLS AND TALKING BACK TO THE SUPERIOR, EH...!?

WHY YOU MERE OFFICE SCRUBS ...!!

I DON'T NEED YOU GUYS! YOU'RE ALL FIRED

FINE! SCRAM!

WE QUIT TOO.

WE'RE OUT OF HERE. THANK YOU AND GOODBYE!

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HMM..?

OH, IT'S YOU...

YOU'RE STILL HERE HUH...

HURRY AND GET GOING.

NO... SINCE WE'VE BEEN ON THIS RIDE TOGETHER FROM THE START, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN JUST ABANDON SHIP NOW.

DID YOU REALLY MEAN THAT...?

YES. DIDN'T I ALREADY SAY IN THE BEGINNING THAT I'M GONNA HELP YOU? I DON'T GO BACK ON MY WORDS SO, REST ASSURED THAT I'LL STAY.

YOU...

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OF COURSE.

EVEN WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME AS THE BOSS?

HMM?

AS I'VE THOUGHT... MY JUDGMENT WAS RIGHT...

HUH? NO WAY...! THIS IS TOO SUDDEN...

FROM NOW ON, THE POSITION OF CEO IS YOURS.

FOR YOU ALONE ARE WORTHY OF IT SO HERE, I'M PASSING THE TORCH OVER TO YOU.

.....

G-GOT IT!

I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.

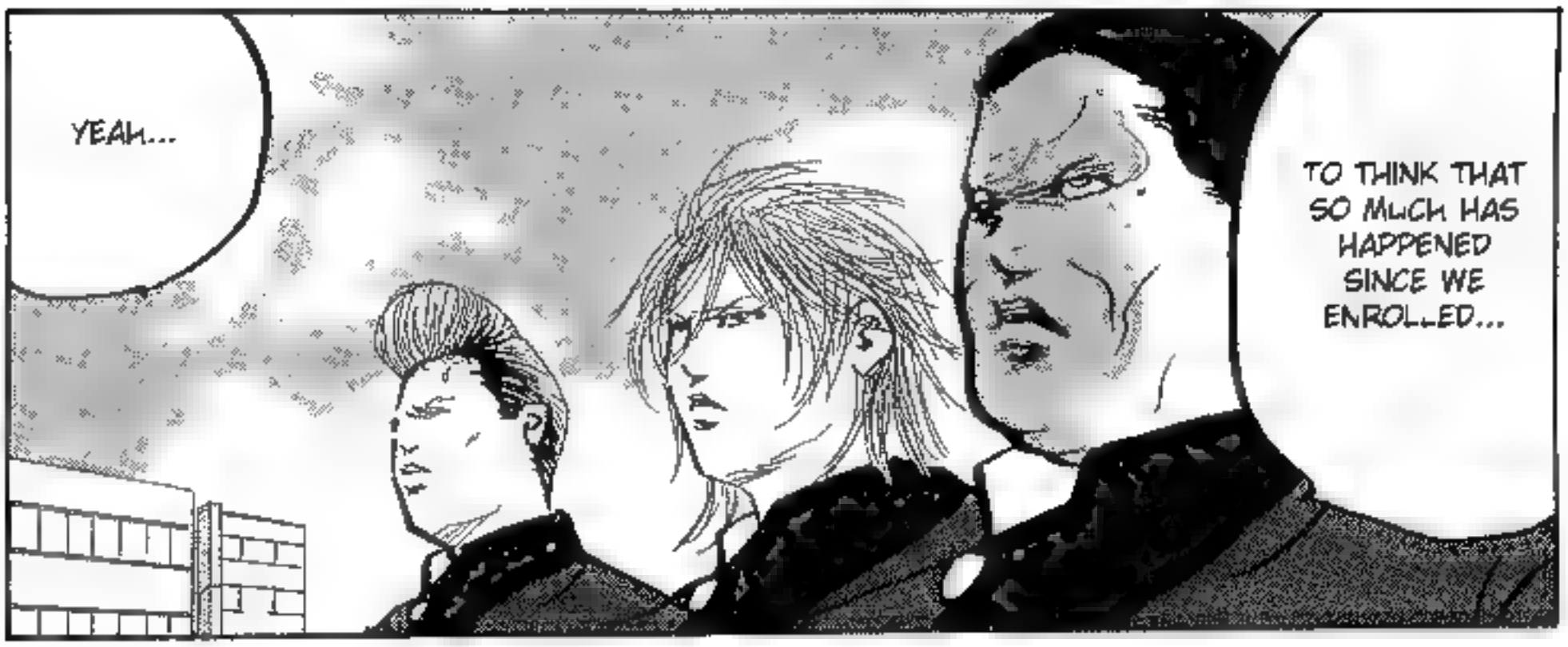
I DON'T THINK SOMEONE LIKE ME IS CAPABLE OF SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES...

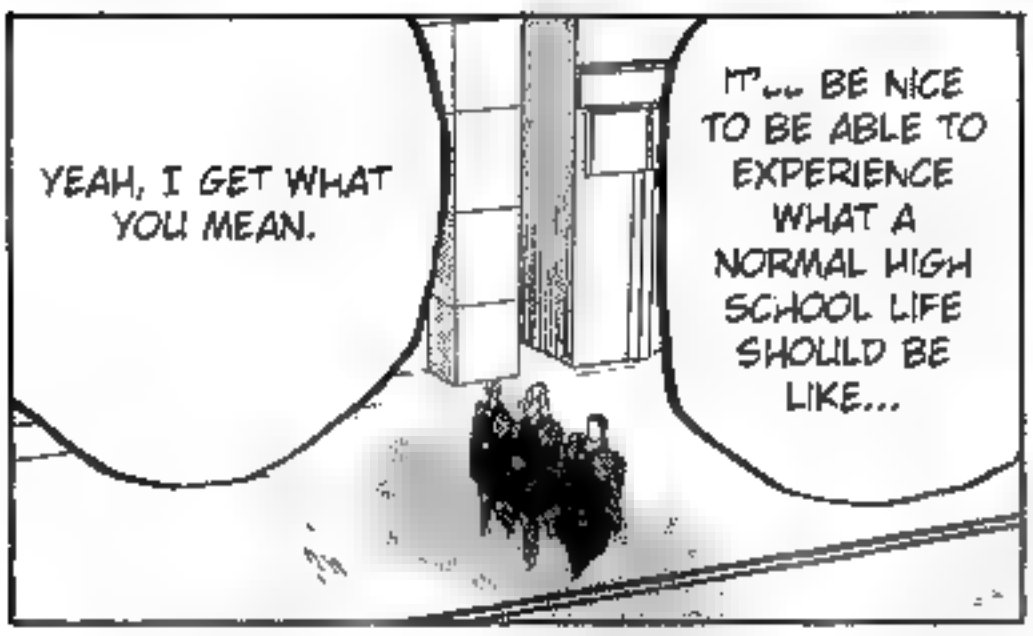
I'M THE CEO NOW...

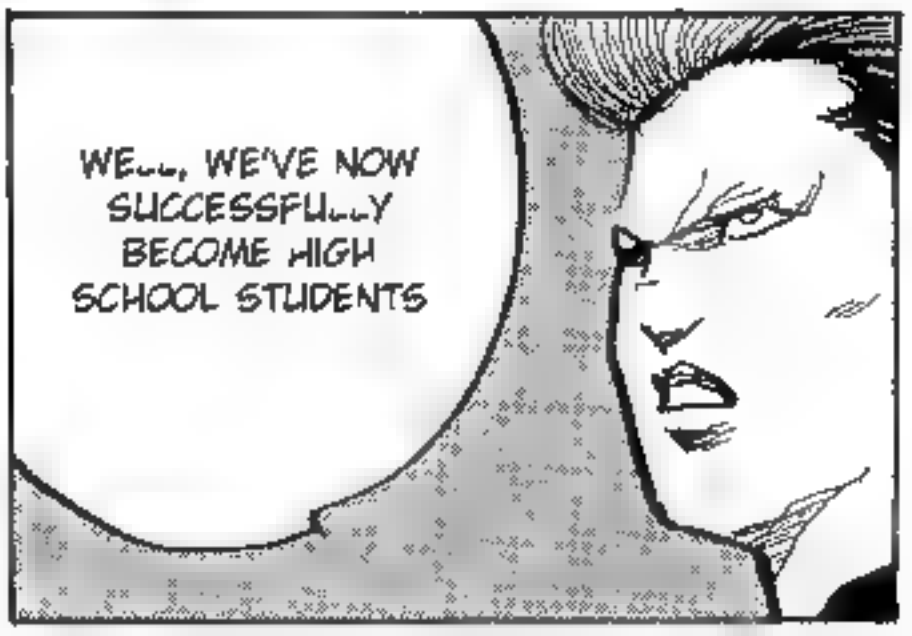
HE DEFINITELY JUST RAN OFF ON HIS OWN, DIDN'T HE...!

THE INITIAL GOAL HAS ALREADY BEEN FORGOTTEN, HASN'T IT.

第295話 Pet Shop Boy







CLUB ACTIVITIES HUH...

I SEE...

WITH THAT IN MIND,

LET'S SEE...

WHAT SORT OF CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE THERE?

WELL, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF OUR SCHOOL HAVING ANY CLUBS THOUGH.

HOW DO I PUT IT... DON'T ALL SCHOOLS HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THOSE?

THAT SURE WAS A QUICK REPLY.

NONE.

SINCE I AM PLANNING TO CHANGE THIS SCHOOL AFTER ALL, I CERTAINLY HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN TO INCLUDE HAVING CLUB ACTIVITIES IN MY PLANS.

NOW, NOW, DON'T GIVE UP SO SOON.

DAMN, LOOKS LIKE WE REALLY AREN'T HAVING ANY CHANCE OF LIVING A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL LIFE IN THIS SCHOOL...

WHAT'S UP, KAMIYAMA?

OH? REALLY?

IN FACT, I ALREADY HAVE SOME IDEAS TO GO WITH.

. . . . . .

YEAH... I'VE ALREADY STARTED.

HAYASHIDA, DIDN'T YOU RECENTLY SAY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN CLUB ACTIVITIES?

...RABBIT APPRECIATION ASSOCIATION?

RABBIT APPRE-CIATION ASSO-CIATION.

SO WHAT IS IT?

IS IT THAT EASY TO START ONE?

BUT IT'S NOT REALLY A CLUB, MORE OF AN ASSOCIATION.

WELL, THAT'S TRUE...

OR WHAT, YOU EXPECT US TO BE TAKING CARE OF DOGS AS WELL?

UH, THAT'S ALL...?

ONE WHERE YOU REAR RABBITS, OF COURSE.

WHAT KIND OF ASSOCIATION IS THAT?

WASN'T IT SAID THAT RABBITS CAN DIE OF LONELINESS OR SOMETHING?

YEAH, YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.

BUT I HEARD THAT RABBITS ARE PRETTY DIFFICULT TO RAISE.

REALLY!?

BUT THAT SAYING IS A LIE.

INDEED...

I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT I HAVE FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE. YOU KNOW, I DIRECTLY ASKED THEM SO I CAN'T BE WRONG.

TV OF COURSE.

YOU FOOL! WHO DO YOU BELIEVE MORE, ME OR THE TV?

DIDN'T THEY SAY ON THE TV...

YOU KNOW, THROUGH AFFECTION, CONVERSE USING THE HEART, THAT SORT OF THING.

YOU CAN CONVERSE WITH RABBITS!?

DIRECTLY ASKED... THE RABBITS...?

...IS THAT SO.

EXCHANGING GREETINGS, I'D SAY.

SO... WHAT LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION... ARE YOU ABLE TO HAVE?

I GUESS NOT...

THOUGH WE CAN'T HAVE CONVERSATIONS THAT'S TOO COMPLICATED.

WHOA, FOR REAL? THAT'S FREAKIN' COOL!

THEY ALL EVEN SAID THAT "HAYASHIDA'S THE MOST TRUSTWORTHY FELLOW AROUND", YOU KNOW.

YEAH, THAT WOULD BE TOUGH...

DISCOURSES ABOUT THE LEGAL SYSTEM WOULD BE HARD.

THEN WHAT CAN'T YOU TALK ABOUT?

YEAH, SURE.

I'D LOVE TO SEE ONE OF THOSE RABBITS.

MAN... SEEING HAYASHIDA BEING SO DEDICATED IN CARING FOR THE RABBITS IS SO HEART-WARMING.

.....

HERE YOU GO.

NO, SORRY, THAT'S... A KANGAROO.

...YEAH.

THAT'S... A PRETTY DAMN BIG RABBIT.

WHAT'S IN THE POCKET!?

思いだしたように いきなり人物紹介!!

大財閥である北斗グループの御曹司。文字通りお城のような家に住むお坊ちゃまくん。

クロマティ高校二年生の一人で、本来は権力者である父の威光を借りクロマティ高校を支配するために転校してきた（with子分）。

だが、父が理事長であるのは別な高校で、うっかり間違えて転校してきたことが林田の指摘により（それもスゴイ話だ）判明した。

実は相当に腕の立つ男らしく、武道の腕は一流らしい。今まで制圧してきた高校の生徒からなる、北斗軍団というグループのトンでもある。

クロ高のバカ共と同列にされることが耐え難いらしく、「オレはキサマらとは違う!」と言い続けるも結局はなじんでしまい、仲良く学園生活を送っている模様。「何でここで北斗の紹介なんか出るの?」というお声もあるかと思うが、それはこの巻を最後まで読んでくれればおわかりいただけることと思う。

北斗武士

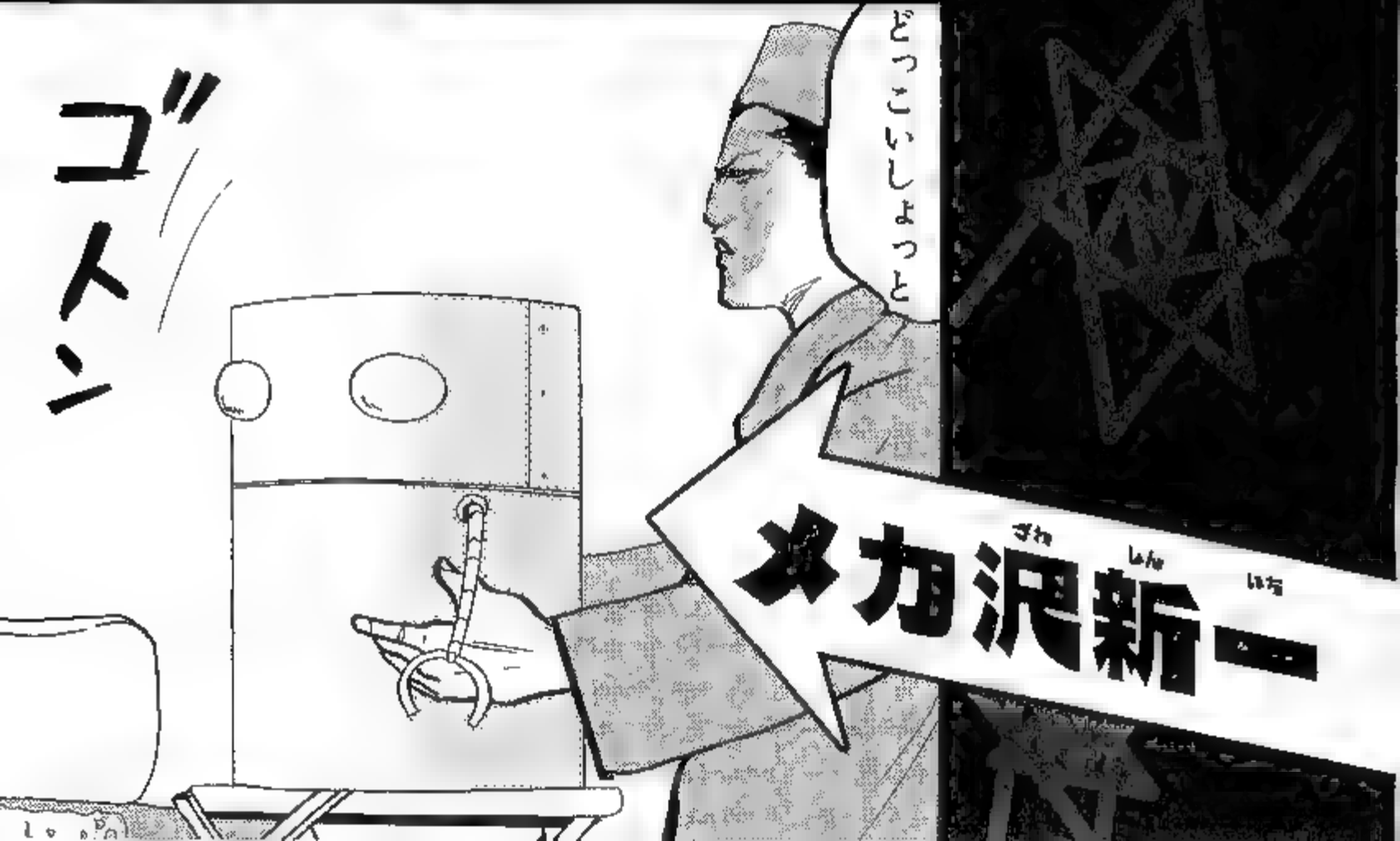
思いだしたように いきなり人物紹介!!

クロ高きっての男の中の男。機械の中の機械ではない。彼もまた無事に二年生へと進級できたらしい。進級とかその前に学校に通ってるだけでもの凄いことなんですが。

ケンカに強くて男気があって、と、不良の鏡のような人物（人物？）。弱点は見あたらないぐらいのスーパーっぷりを発揮するが、実は「機械オンチ」だったりするのもご愛敬。なぜ？　というツッコミは禁止だ。

神山たちとはかなり仲がいいらしいが、会うたびに頭を開けられたり、バラバラにされたり、バイクにされたり、パソコンにつながれたりとヒドイ目に会うことが意外に多い。

読者人気もいまだに高く、「もっとメカ沢出して～」というファンからのお便りは多い。しかし最近は作者がすっかり飽きたようで、出番が重なることに「物扱い」の度合いが増しているような気がするんですが気のせいでしょうか？　今回岡持だしな～～～（笑）。



第296話 C.H.Doll

EH?

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE HIM TO YOU GUYS.

THAT'S ...!?

AH...

BAN-CHOU-CHAN ...!?

HE'S A NEW STUDENT WHO JUST TRANSFERRED HERE TODAY, "BANCHOU-CHAN".

T/L NOTE:

BANCHOU = LEADER OF JUVENILE DELIN-QUENTS

HAVEN'T I BEEN SAYING THIS RIGHT FROM THE START? I INTEND TO CHANGE THIS FORSAKEN SCHOOL INTO A FINE AND UPSTANDING CAMPUS.

JUST WHO ON EARTH...

THIS GUY...

THAT'S RIGHT.

HENCE WHY I'M BRINGING BANCHOU-CHAN HERE.

UNFO-CUSED .?

WHY IS THIS SCHOOL SUCH A SWIRLING VORTEX OF CHAOS? IT'S BECAUSE EVERYONE HERE IS TOO DISORGANIZED AND UNFOCUSED.

REALLY !?

WHAT !?

I'M HOPING THAT THIS ADORABLE BANCHOU-CHAN WILL HELP IN ALLOWING YOU GUYS TO FOCUS YOUR EASILY DISTRACTED HEARTS, BRINGING ABOUT AN AMBIENCE OF BLISS AROUND THE CAMPUS.

I DON'T SEE HOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS GOING TO BE ENOUGH TO REHABILITATE US...

BUT KAMIYAMA... WE'RE AFTER ALL DELINQUENTS BY NATURE...

...SO ADORABLE.

SO . . . . . .

WELL?

MY MOOD HAS IMPROVED TOO...

HOW THE HECK IS THIS GUY SO CUTE...

IT'S AS THOUGH... MY HEART HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY CLEANSED...!

Y-YEAH, SURE...

SO ANYWAY, GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER NOW.

WHY YOU...!!

YEAH, I WAS HUNGRY.

YOU ATE MY BREAD JUST NOW, DIDN'T YOU?

WHAT?

HEY!

WHAT OF IT, SHITHEAD !?

YA THINK YOU CAN JUST RANDOMLY GRAB SOME-ONE ELSE'S BREAD AND EAT IT HUH, YA BASTARD!?

HUH !?

SO . . . . . .

ADORABLE...!!

HOW DO I PUT IT... HE REALLY DOES CALMS OUR HEARTS...

HE'S SO ADORABLE THAT I LOST THE DESIRE TO FIGHT..

THERE'S NO WAY BAN-CHOU-CHAN IS THIS CUTE...

M-MATSUDA ..!?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU GUYS DOING!?

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HANGING OUT WITH YOU MORE.

BECAUSE OF YOU, THE ATMOSPHERE AROUND THE CAMPUS HAS GOTTEN BETTER... THANK YOU, BANCHOU-CHAN.

LISTEN UP YOU SCUM, FIGHTS ARE ALL ABOUT...

CALM THE HEARTS? DON'T YOU GIVE ME THAT KIND OF BULLOCKS!

WHAT THE!?

GHUUGH !?

MAN, I'M FINDING YOU MORE AND MORE AWESOME, BRO!

TO THINK THAT BANCHOU-CHAN IS SUCH A BADASS TOO!

HOLY CRAP !!

HE KNOCKED OUT MATSUDA IN ONE HIT!!?

BY THE WAY, MAY I JUST INTERJECT FOR A BIT?

YEAH, YOU'RE THE BOSS!

I'LL FOLLOW YOU FROM NOW ON!

WELL, BANCHOU-CHAN IS ADORABLE AND CAN HOLD HIS FIGHTS, A TOTAL BADASS AND ALL BUT...

WHAT IS IT?

IT SOMEHOW FEELS LIKE THERE'S SOMEONE HIDING UNDER IT...

THAT IS,

HMM?

THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME...

K-KAMI-YAMA...

UM... IT'S BEST NOT TO ASK.... ABOUT THAT KIND OF STUFF.

WHY !?

WHA...

UGH !!

PERSONALLY, I THINK THAT IS BEING RUDE TO THE HERO .

YOU KNOW HOW KIDS LIKE TO TAKE NOTE OF THE ZIPPER AT THE BACK OF THE TRANSFORMING HERO'S COSTUME?

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO OR WHAT IT'S LIKE UNDERNEATH, DOES IT?

THAT'S WHY,

UH YEAH, I GUESS SO.

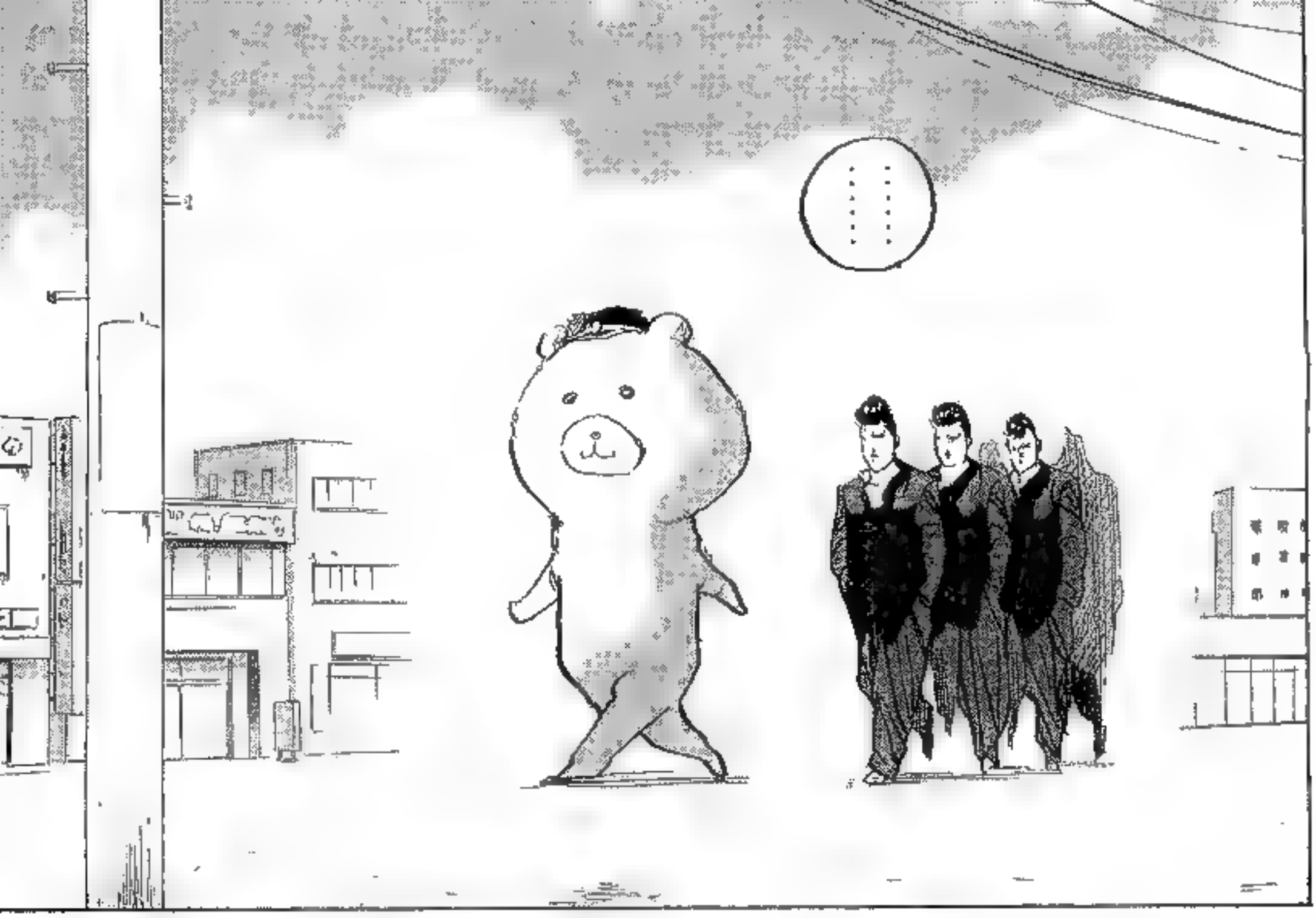
BECAUSE IF YOU START DISCUSSING ABOUT WHO IS IT UNDER THE MASK, THEN DOESN'T THE MAGIC DISAPPEAR? JUST LIKE THAT, THE DREAM THUS VANISHES.

YEAH!

WELL THEN, LET'S GO HANG OUT WITH BANCHOU-CHAN, SHALL WE?

UH YEAH, I GUESS MY THINKING WAS TOO NAIVE...

IT'S FINE THAT WE DON'T KNOW AND THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO KNOW.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YEAH, THAT'S TRUE.
JUST BEING IN HIS PRESENCE IS ALREADY IMPROVING MY MOOD.
BUT MAN, HE REALLY IS JUST SO DAMN ADORABLE...

HELP !!
!?

IT'S ALL THANKS TO BANCHOU-CHAN!
JUST CHILLING AND WALKING AROUND WITH BANCHOU-CHAN LIKE THIS... HECK, I THINK THAT ALONE IS ENOUGH MAKE EVERYONE ELSE AROUND US FEEL HAPPIER TOO.

SHIT!

SOME-ONE PLEASE CATCH HIM!!

A ROBBER!!

HWH ?

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CRAP, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

RUINS THE MOOD!

THERE WE WERE HAVING A NICE TIME AND ALL AND THIS HAD TO HAPPEN!

B-BANCHOU-CHAN! YOU'RE GONNA GO AFTER THE ROBBER!?

OOOH !!

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WE'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU!

AS EXPCTED OF BAN-CHOU-CHAN!

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HE'S SURE TO CATCH THE ROBBER AT THIS RATE!

SUCH SPEED !!

WHOAA!! LOOK AT HIM GO!

...

WHERE THE HECK HAS HE RAN OFF TO...

BANCHOU-CHAN'S STILL NOT BACK YET...

AN HOUR LATER

WHAT IS IT?

AH!

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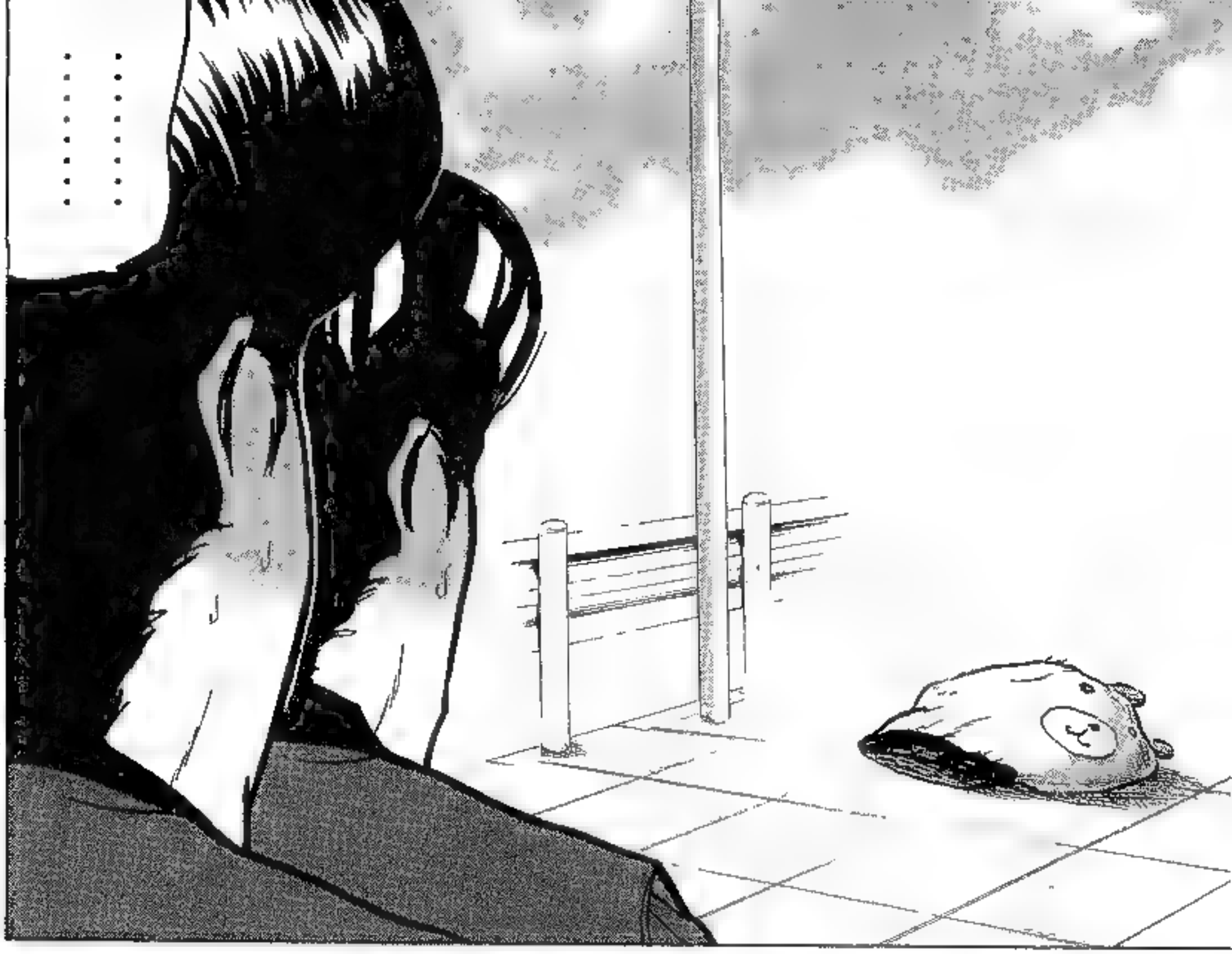

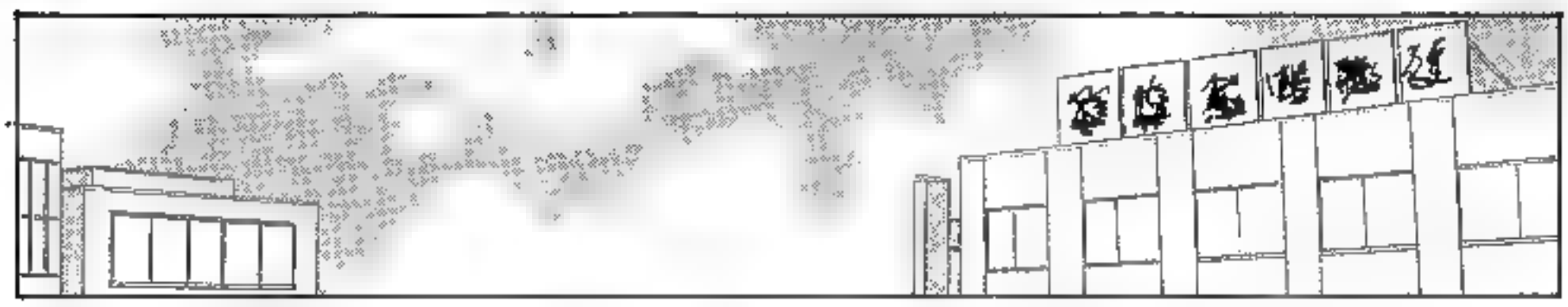

IT'S FALLEN OFF, HUH.

第297話 House On Fire

YEAH, WE SHOULD DO THIS EVERY DAY OR SOMETHING.

JUST CHILLING AND WALKING AROUND WITH HIM IS AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE.

HE'S JUST SO ADORABLE...

HUH?

WE SAID, HAND OVER YOU CASH!

HEY, ARE YOU DEAF? HUH!?

JEEZ, JUST AS WE WERE HAVING A GOOD TIME...

HEY, AN EXTORTION...

HURRY AND JUMP AROUND A LITTLE!

UH...

YOU'VE GOT SOME SPARE CASH ON YOU RIGHT?

HAH?

HEY!

QUIT WASTING OUR TIME, YOU HEAR?

BAN-CHOU-CHAN?

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ADORABLE...

SO...

AAAH !?

UGH !!

BANCHOU-CHAN...

HUAGH !!

YEAH. BANCHOU-CHAN CAN'T SEEM TO TOLERATE EVILDOERS MARAUDING AROUND. GUESS HE'S ONE HECK OF AN ALLY OF JUSTICE.

LET'S SCRAM !!

AARGH !!

HE MAY BE CUTE BUT HE CAN BE PRETTY DAMN SCARY SOMETIMES.

IF IT'S BANCHOU-CHAN, HE CAN DO IT! NO PROBLEM CAN BE TOO HARD FOR HIM!

YEAH!

WE'RE GONNA LEAVE IT ALL TO BANCHOU-CHAN IN THE FUTURE!

BAD NEWS EVERYONE!

HMM?

GUYS, GUYS!

YEAH, SO NO WORRIES MAN!

WE'VE GOT THE BADASS BANCHOU-CHAN ON OUR SIDE.

I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS BUT DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH...

AH IS THAT SO, WELL YOU SEE... THE THING IS...

SO GO ON, LAY IT ON US!

YEAH, NO MATTER WHAT THE INCIDENT IS, BANCHOU-CHAN CAN SOLVE IT!

HOLY CRAP!!

THAT HOUSE IS ON FIRE AND IT SEEMS A KID IS TRAPPED INSIDE.

YEAH, I'M SURE OF IT TOO!

NO, I'M SURE BANCHOU-CHAN CAN HANDLE IT!

THIS IS BEST LEFT TO THE FIRE BRIGADE TO DEAL WITH.

MAN, YET ANOTHER MAJOR INCIDENT...

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YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WE CAN COUNT ON!

THERE'S A KID IN THERE MAN!

H-HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING MAN? THE FIRE'S OVER THERE!

HELL YEAH! YOU CAN DO IT!

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HE'S GOING IN AFTER ALL!

WHOA !!

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BANCHOU-CHAN, YOU'RE THE BEST!

GOT SOME MILD BURNS BUT HE'S FINE ON THE WHOLE.

THE KID IS FINE TOO!

MAN, THAT'S BANCHOU-CHAN FOR YOU! THAT WAS JUST AWESOME.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE CAN AFFIRM THAT

SO

THAT'S RIGHT!

YEAH!

AS LONG AS WE'VE GOT BANCHOU-CHAN HERE, WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

HMM?

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GOOD POINT! LET'S GO AND HELP OUT OTHERS!

HEY, WHY NOT WE GO AROUND FINDING PROBLEMS TO SOLVE?

HE SEEMS TROUBLED

THAT OLD MAN...

HAAH.....

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REALLY? BUT THEN... IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN HELP ME SOLVE IT ANYWAY...

ARE YOU HAVING ANY DIFFICULTIES? FEEL FREE TO SHARE IT WITH US.

HUH?

HEY, MISTER, WHAT'S WRONG?

WELL, YOU SEE...

OH OK...

JUST LAY IT ON US.

DON'T WORRY,

AND RECENTLY, THE POPULARITY OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL HAVE BEEN SLIPPING. IT JUST MAKES ME FEEL SO DISGRUNTLED.

THE THING IS, I'M A HARDCORE BASEBALL FAN

I WONDER IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO BRING BACK ITS POPULARITY ONCE MORE?

HMM...

WELL, THAT'S WHAT'S TROUBLING ME RIGHT NOW... WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK?

IT CAN BE DONE!?

WHOA!!

REA..Y!?
THEN...
I'LL LEAVE IT
ALL TO YOU!

BANCHOU-CHAN
ISN'T SOMEONE
TO BE TAKEN
..IGHTLY!

THERE I WAS
BEING WORRIED
FOR A MOMENT
THAT IT CAN'T
BE DONE!

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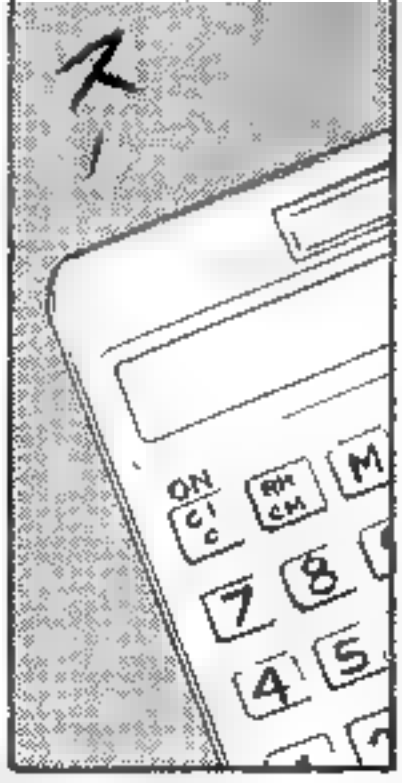
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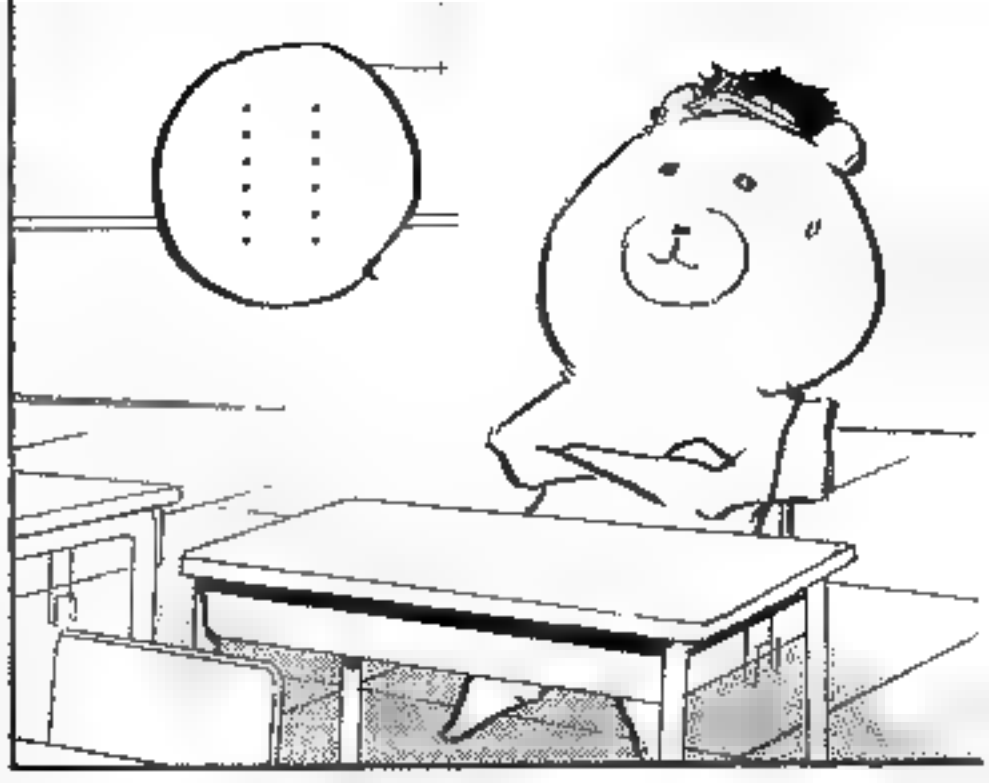

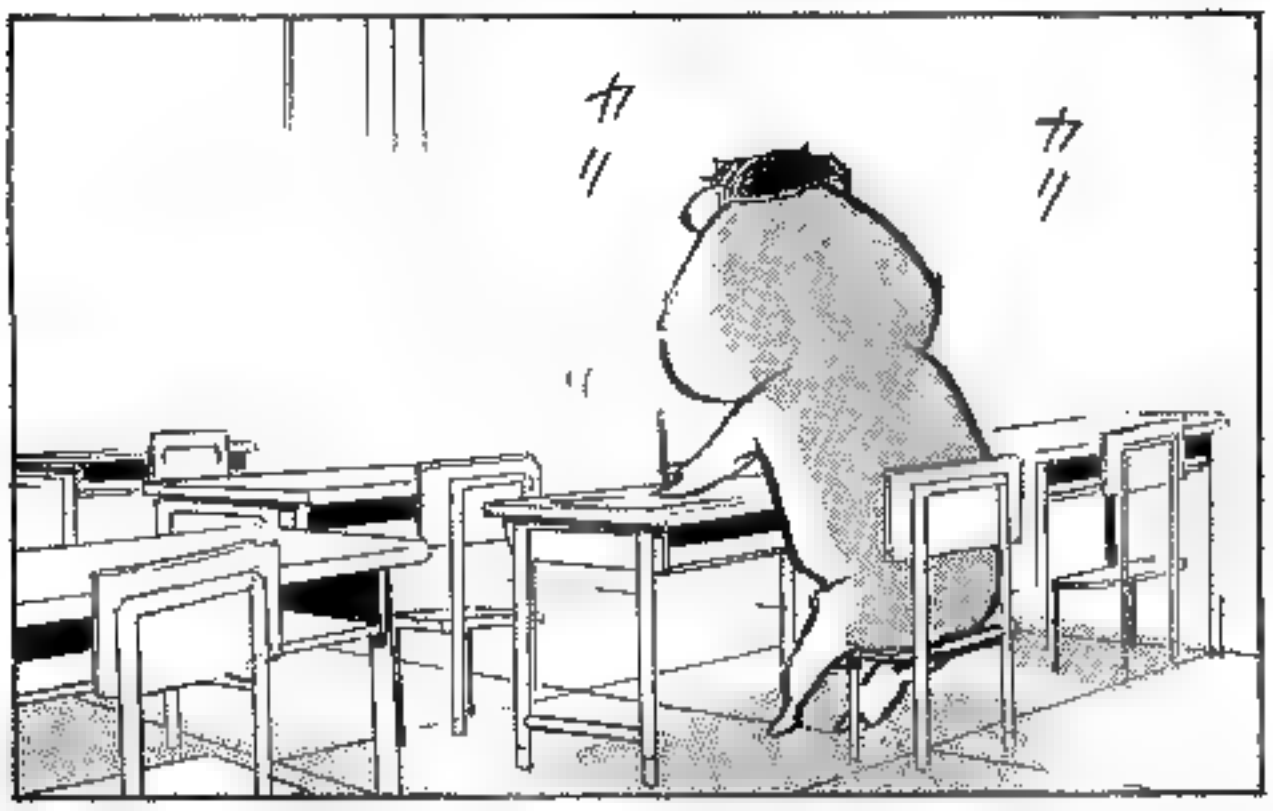

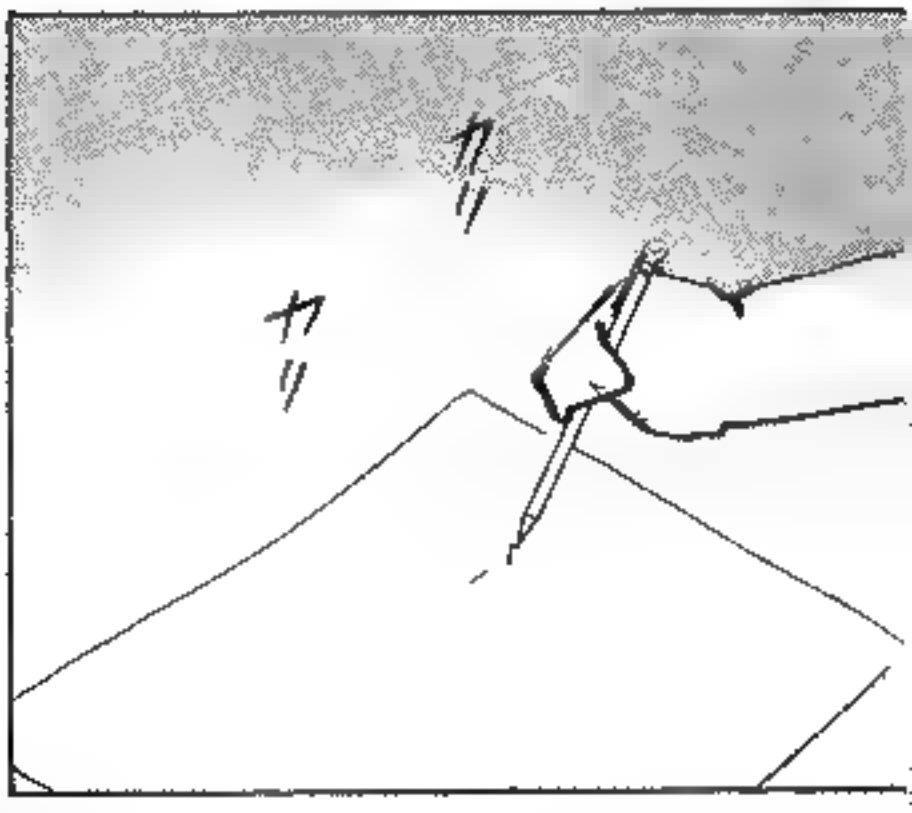

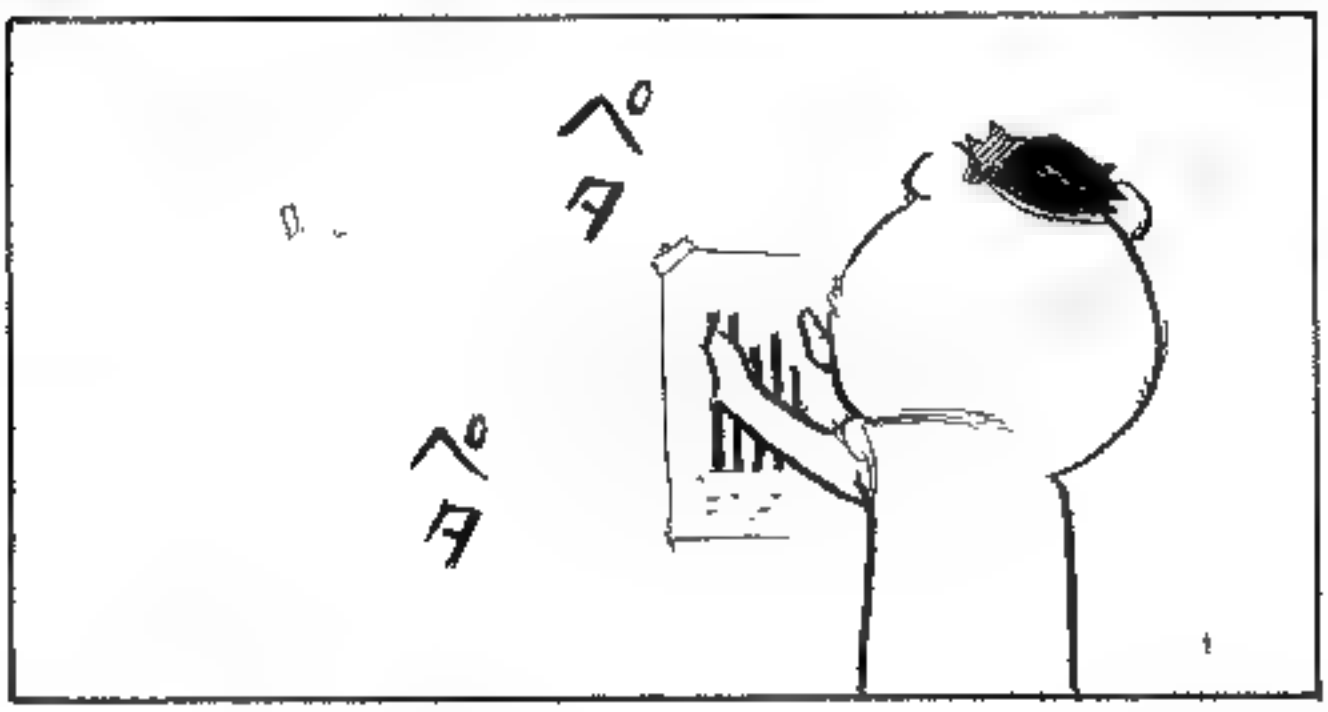

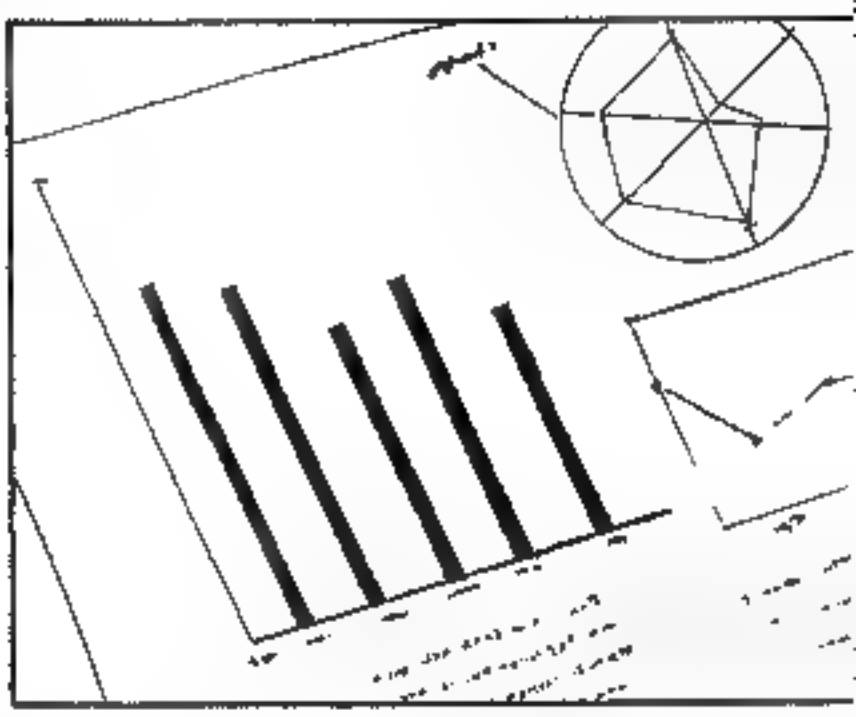

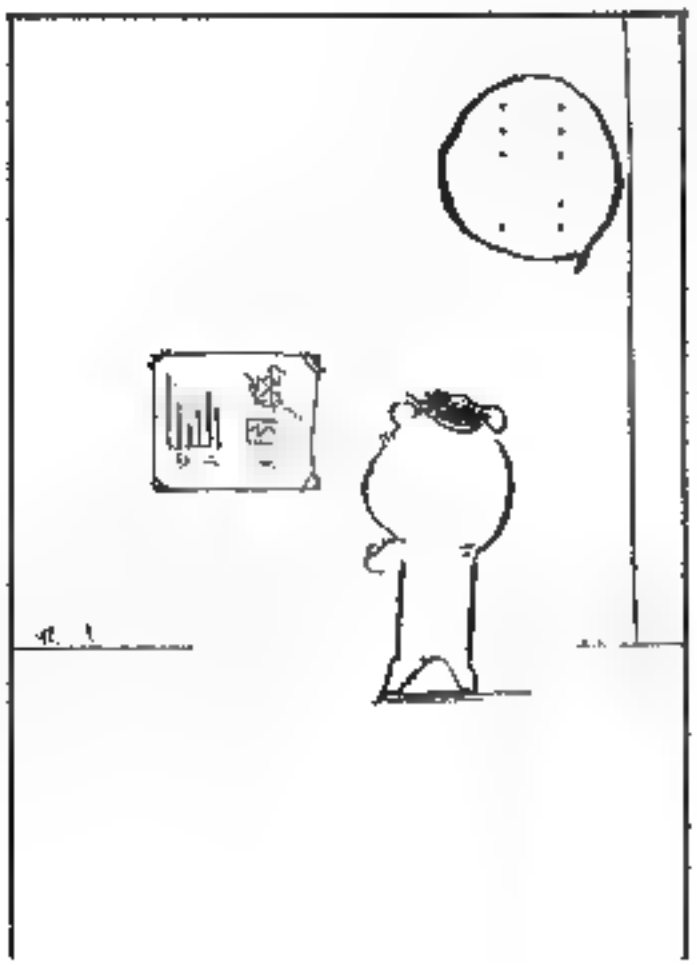

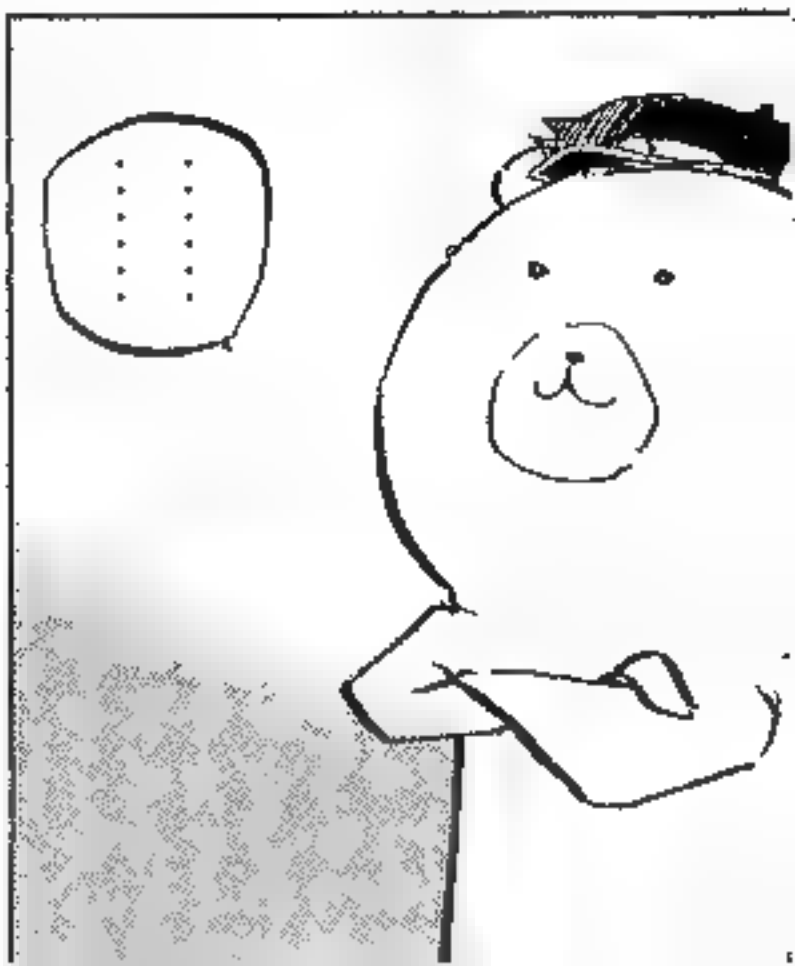

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BUT YOU KNOW,

HE'S PROBABLY BUSY WITH THAT ISSUE FROM LAST TIME... I GUESS.

BANCHOU-CHAN HASN'T BEEN COMING TO SCHOOL RECENTLY

A WEEK LATER

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I'VE ACTUALLY FORGOTTEN TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT ISSUE .. AND THE WORLD OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IS PRETTY INTIMIDATING TOO.

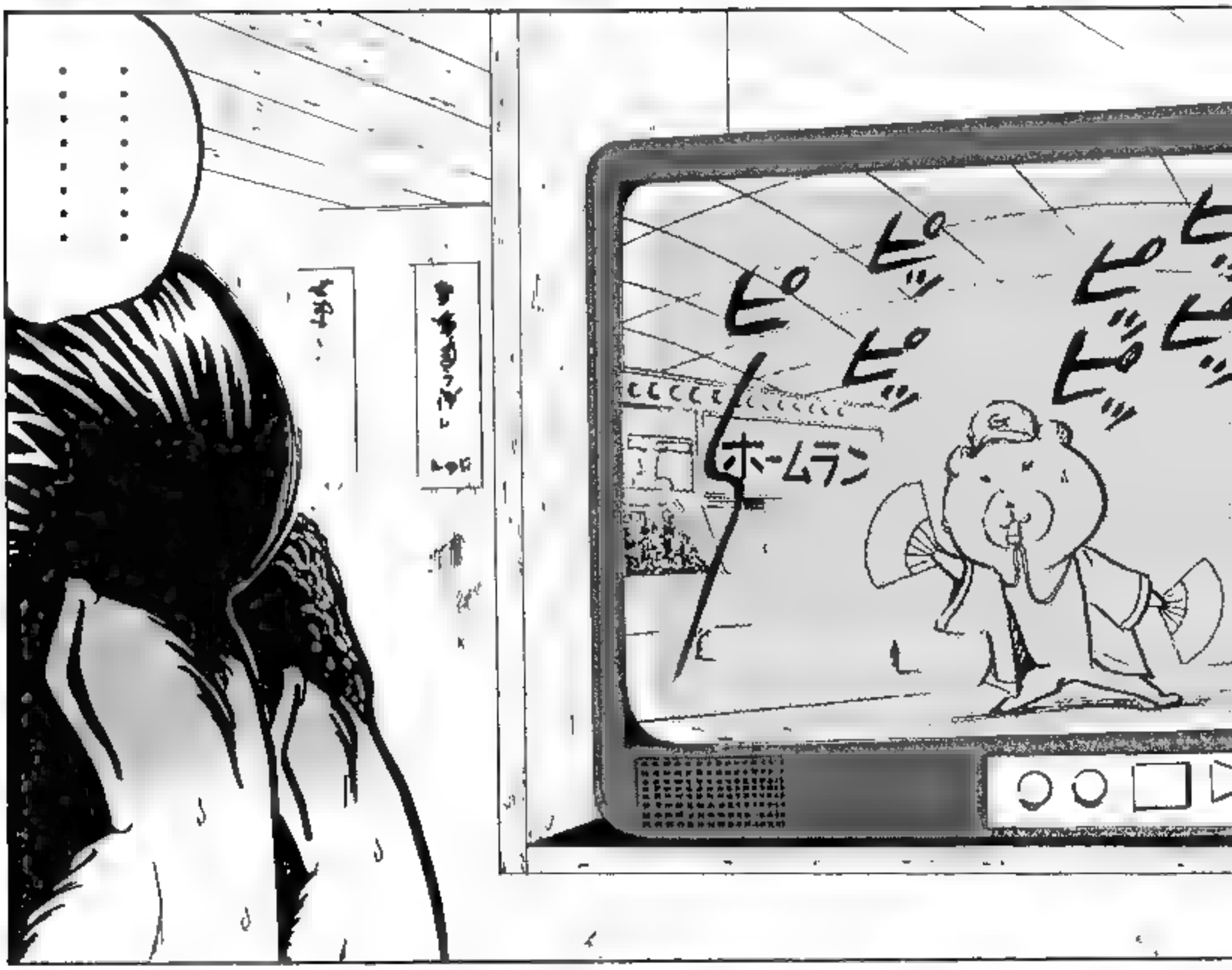
YEAH .. WHAT CAN A MERE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DO TO HELP BOOST POPULARITY OF A MAJOR SPORT LIKE THAT?

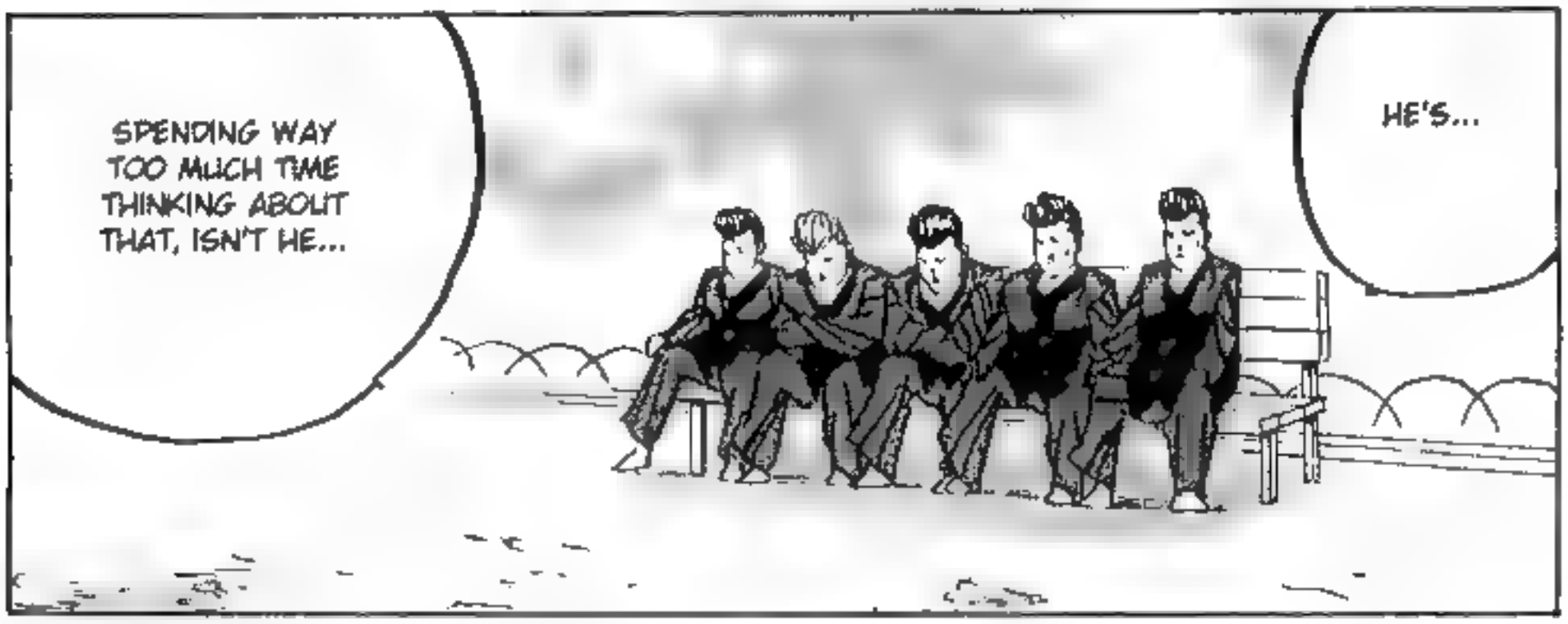
NOW THAT YOU THINK ABOUT IT CAREFULLY, THAT SORT OF THING CAN'T BE DONE, CAN IT...

WHAT !?

HEY, LOOK AT THAT!

HMM?





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EMERGENCY REPORT !!

THIS IS BANCHOU-CHAN!!

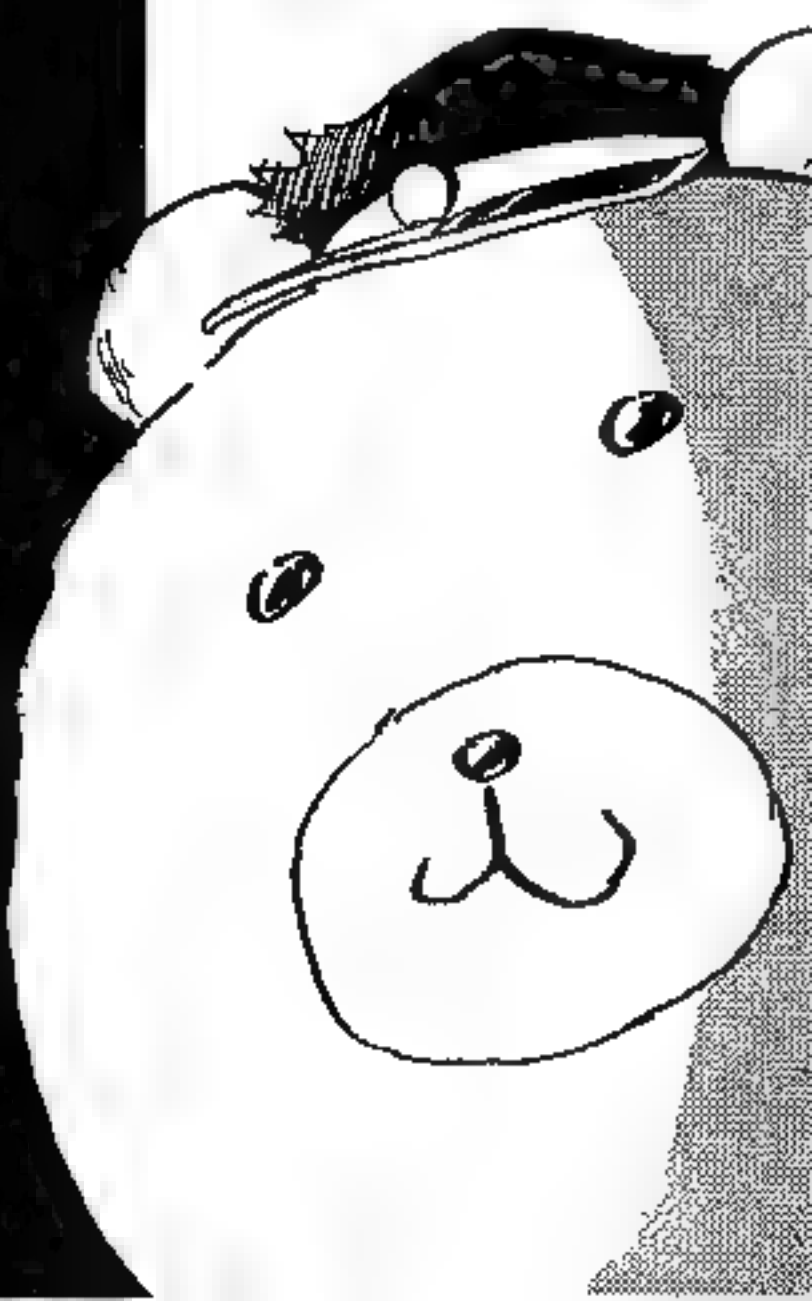
A SHINING IDOL HAS TURNED UP AT CROMARTIE AND HE'S NONE OTHER THAN THIS BANCHOU-CHAN.
NO IDEA WHERE KAMIYAMA GOT HIM FROM, HE WAS BROUGHT IN (OR PERHAPS MAILED IN) AS A MEAN OF CHANGING THE SCHOOL'S FIRST YEARS.

LOOKS LIKE AN ADORABLE BEAR (KIND OF) AND WEARS A BADASS HAT. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM BECAUSE OF HIS CUTE EXTERIOR FOR HE'S ONE HECK OF A MONSTER WHEN IT COMES TO FIGHTS!
HE'S AS ANGELIC AS HE IS DEVILISH.

ALSO, HE DOESN'T SPEAK. THOUGH MAYBE THAT'S FOR THE BEST.

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF BANCHOU-CHAN'S ANATOMY.

▼ BEHOLD, THOSE ROTUND EYES THAT CHARMED THE CROMARTIE STUDENTS



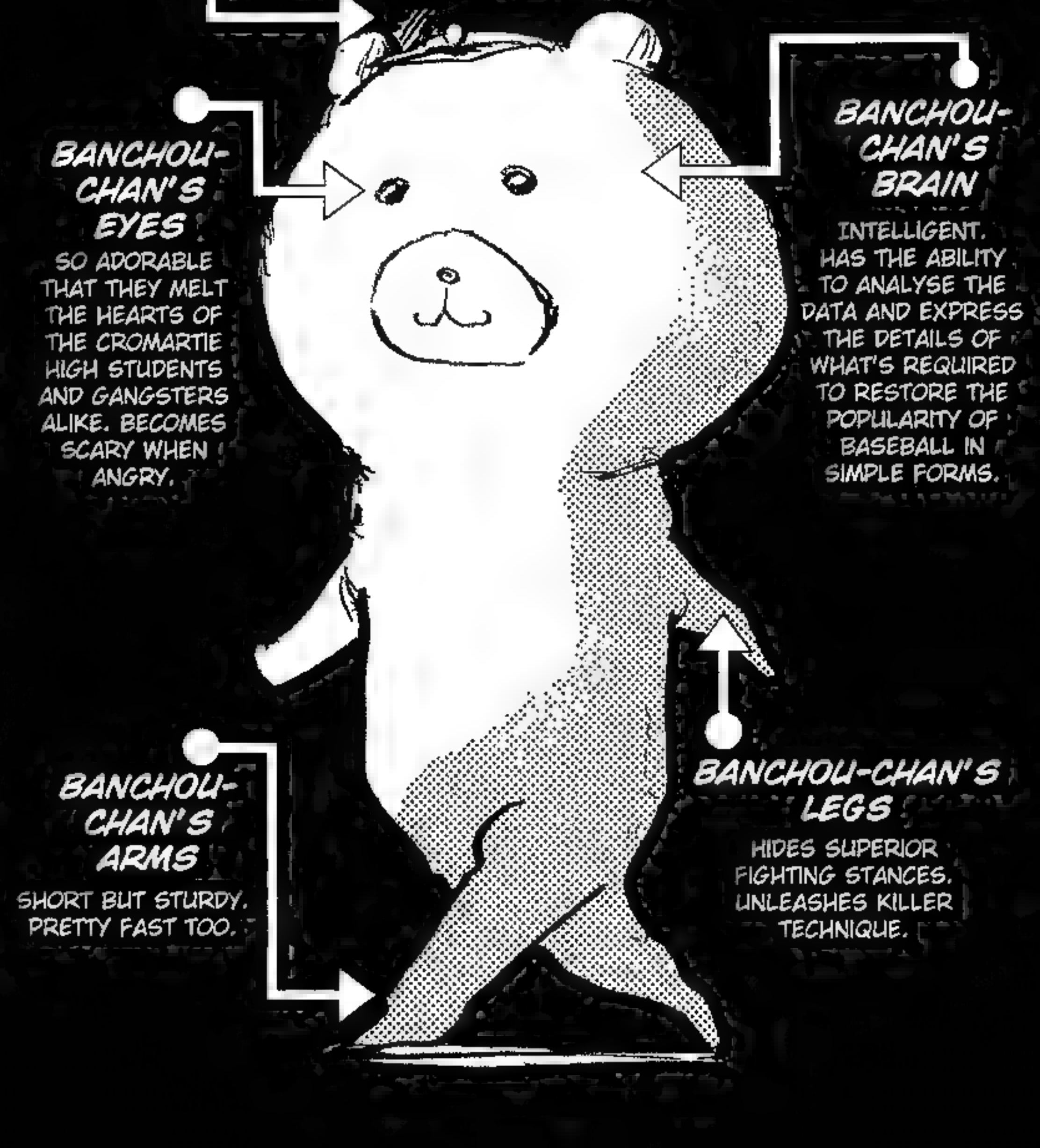
EXPLANATION TIME

THIS IS BANCHOU-CHAN!!

ALL ABOUT BANCHOU-CHAN!

BANCHOU-CHAN'S HAT

THIS IS THE TYPE OF HATS THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH BEING WORN BY DELINQUENT LEADERS OF THE PAST. DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORN BY YOUTHS THESE DAYS ANYMORE. IF YOU REMOVE THE HAT, BANCHOU-CHAN'S JUST A REGULAR BEAR.



BANCHOU-CHAN'S EYES

SO ADORABLE THAT THEY MELT THE HEARTS OF THE CROMARTIE HIGH STUDENTS AND GANGSTERS ALIKE. BECOMES SCARY WHEN ANGRY.

BANCHOU-CHAN'S BRAIN

INTELLIGENT. HAS THE ABILITY TO ANALYSE THE DATA AND EXPRESS THE DETAILS OF WHAT'S REQUIRED TO RESTORE THE POPULARITY OF BASEBALL IN SIMPLE FORMS.

BANCHOU-CHAN'S ARMS

SHORT BUT STURDY. PRETTY FAST TOO.

BANCHOU-CHAN'S LEGS

HIDES SUPERIOR FIGHTING STANCES. UNLEASHES KILLER TECHNIQUE.

GAAH, CAN'T STAND THIS ANYMORE!

THIS IS KILLING ME!

MAN, IT'S SO FREAKING HOT...

HMM?

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SO...

ADORABLE...

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第298話 Round About

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YEAH, MY MOOD HAS IMPROVED TOO!

IT'S LIKE SOME KIND OF LIGHT BREEZE IN THIS SWELTERING SUMMER HEAT.

MAN, JUST SEEING BANCHOU-CHAN IS ENOUGH TO COOL MY HEART

HUH?

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AND IT'S SO COOLING TOO.

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WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!

BANCHOU-CHAN IS CUTE AND REFRESHING, HE'S THE BEST!

BANCHOU-CHAN IS FEELING HOT TOO?

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BANCHOU-CHAN, GO ON AND REMOVE YOUR COSTUME AS WELL.

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OF COURSE! JUST LOOK AT THE LAYER OF CLOTHING HE'S WEARING!

KA-KAMIYAMA...

SEE, I TOLD YOU GUYS ABOUT NOT SAYING WEIRD THINGS TO HIM. NOW HE'S ANGRY.

WHA-!?

UGH!!?

IT'S THE SAME IDEA BEHIND NOT TRYING TO TAKE APART MAGIC TRICKS! SO PLEASE KEEP A MORE OPEN MIND TOWARDS THIS!

LIKE I SAID, BANCHOU-CHAN IS BANCHOU-CHAN! IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH "WEARING A COSTUME"!

SO, WITH THAT, LET'S JUST GO HANG OUT SHALL WE?

R-RIGHT... WE GOT IT, SORRY...

YOU GUYS ARE ADULTS NOW, SO... YOU KNOW?

Y-YEAH.

OK?

WE MUST NEVER EVER SAY WORDS LIKE 'REMOVE' OR 'WEAR'

LISTEN UP,

LIKE WHAT SORT OF PERSON LURKS BENEATH... AND FOR WHAT REASONS .. AND SO ON, BUT...

...TO BE HONEST, I WAS K'NDA CURIOUS ABOUT IT TOO.

YEAH, I AGREE...

JUST LOOK AT THE CUDDLY FACE, IT'S JUST SO CUTE...!

THE MOMENT I SEE THAT FIGURE, I INSTANTLY REALIZED THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.

AND THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD STOP HAVING DOUBTS OVER THIS KIND OF THING! THAT'S WHAT IS NECESSARY IF WE WANT TO ATTAIN HAPPINESS!

IT'S ALL THANKS TO BANCHOU-CHAN THAT WE GOT TO EXPERIENCE SUCH A HAPPY FEELING!

WHAT IS IT?

BUT... LOOK AT THAT!

THANKS, YOU GUYS.

INDEED! WE WERE WRONG!

WELL SAID! YOSHIE, YOUR WORDS HAVE REMINDED US OF OUR MISTAKES!

OH CRUD!

MOM, LOOK AT THIS HUGE COSTUMED ANIMAL!

THAT KID...

BANCHOU-CHAN...?

THAT'S NO COSTUMED ANIMAL, THAT'S BANCHOU-CHAN...

HEY, LISTEN KID...

DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!

...BUT THERE'S SOMEONE INSIDE RIGHT?

YAH.

GOT IT ...?

NOT SOME GUY IN A COSTUME! NOR IS HE SOME DOLL. HE'S OUR BELOVED COMRADE!

LISTEN UP! THIS IS THE EXISTENCE KNOWN AS BANCHOU-CHAN!

CALM DOWN, YOSHIE...

WHY YOU ...!

THAT BIG BRO'S GOT A SCREW LOOSE.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

ITOU...

LEAVE HIM BE.

BUT YOU KNOW... SEEING KIDS BEING THIS PRAGMATIC... THAT DOESN'T BODE WELL FOR OUR SOCIETY...

LOOKS LIKE YOU JUST CAN'T PULL THE WOOL OVER KIDS' EYES...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT...

IT'S NOTHING MUCH. WE VALUE BAN-CHOU-CHAN AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.

THAT'S ITOU FOR YOU! WELL SAID.

THERE'S NO NEED TO CARE ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK.

LET OTHERS BE AS THEY WANT, WE'RE OUR OWN THING.

H-HIS HEAD ...!?

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BANCHOU-CHAN?

DAMN.

CRAP, HE'S FEELING DOWN NOW.

OH MAN.... FOR ONE WILD MOMENT, YOU GAVE ME QUITE A DILEMMA...

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GOTTO TURN IT BACK...

EH?

HUH?

BEING ASKED THAT BY THAT KID AND THEN HAVING HIS HEAD FACING THE WRONG WAY, THERE ISN'T MUCH ROOM FOR EXCUSES LEFT.

HE MUST HAVE BEEN PUTTING UP WITH IT ALL ALONG.

HE SAID HE "FEELS LIKE DISAPPEARING FROM THIS WORLD".

WHAT IS IT?

WHAT!?

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WE NEED YOU DUDE, SO DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE WANTING TO DISAPPEAR!

YEAH, BACNHOU-CHAN, YOU DON'T NEED TO GET SO HUNG UP ON IT.

UH, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE TOO UPSET ABOUT IT, MAN.

PLEASE GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF!

BANCHOU-CHAN...

A CAT'S ABOUT TO BE WASHED AWAY BY THE RIVER!

A CAT!

WHAT IS IT?

BAD NEWS, EVERY-ONE!

AT THIS RATE, THE CAT MIGHT ...!

SHIT, WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?

STRET-CHING EXER-CISES ?

EH?

H-HE LEAPT RIGHT IN!

WHOA !!

YOU CAN DO IT, DUDE!

AS EXPECTED OF BANCHOU-CHAN! GOOD GOING!

THIS TIME BANCHOU-CHAN'S THE ONE BEING SWEPT AWAY BY THE CURRENTS !?

OH SHIT!!

HERE, GIVE ME YOUR HAND!

YOU DID IT!

GOTTO HURRY AND SAVE HIM!

LET'S GO!

QUICK, EVERY-ONE!

GRAB MY HAND!

RIGHT!

THAT'S IT! EVERYONE, PULL!

YEAH! GOOD JOB, GUYS!

WE DID IT! WE SAVED BAN-CHOU-CHAN!

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NOPE...

Is it wise to call the cops for this...?

UHM... IS IT DRY YET?

IT WAS REMOVED.

AH YEAH, WHAT A BUMMER.

AS USUAL, BASEBALL IS REALLY LACKING IN POPULARITY THESE DAYS.

BUT YOU KNOW...

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DIDN'T BANCHOU-CHAN PREVIOUSLY SPEND SOME TIME PUTTING IN EFFORT INTO RAISING THE POPULARITY OF BASEBALL?

HMM?

WAIT, HOLD ON...

I REMEMBER THERE BEING SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

OH YEAH!

第299話 Rolling Stone

SO, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT ANYWAY?

CAN'T BE DONE AFTER ALL?

WHAT'S WRONG?

HMM?

WELL, I GUESS IT WAS A TOUGH ONE RIGHT FROM THE START. WE ARE ONLY STUDENTS AFTER ALL.

I SEE... NO MATTER HOW CAPABLE YOU ARE, SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS TOO DIFFICULT HUH...

SO YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO HUNG UP ON IT, BANCHOU-CHAN.

JUST FORGET ABOUT IT. IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE THINGS THAT CAN'T BE ACHIEVED NO MATTER HOW MUCH HARD WORK YOU PUT IT,

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SEEING HIM LIKE THAT MAKES US FEEL DOWN TOO. IF ONLY THERE'S A WAY FOR US TO HELP OUT AS WELL

BANCHOU-CHAN...

JUST FROM LOOKING AT THAT LONELY BACK, YOU CAN JUST TELL THAT HE'S A MAN WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

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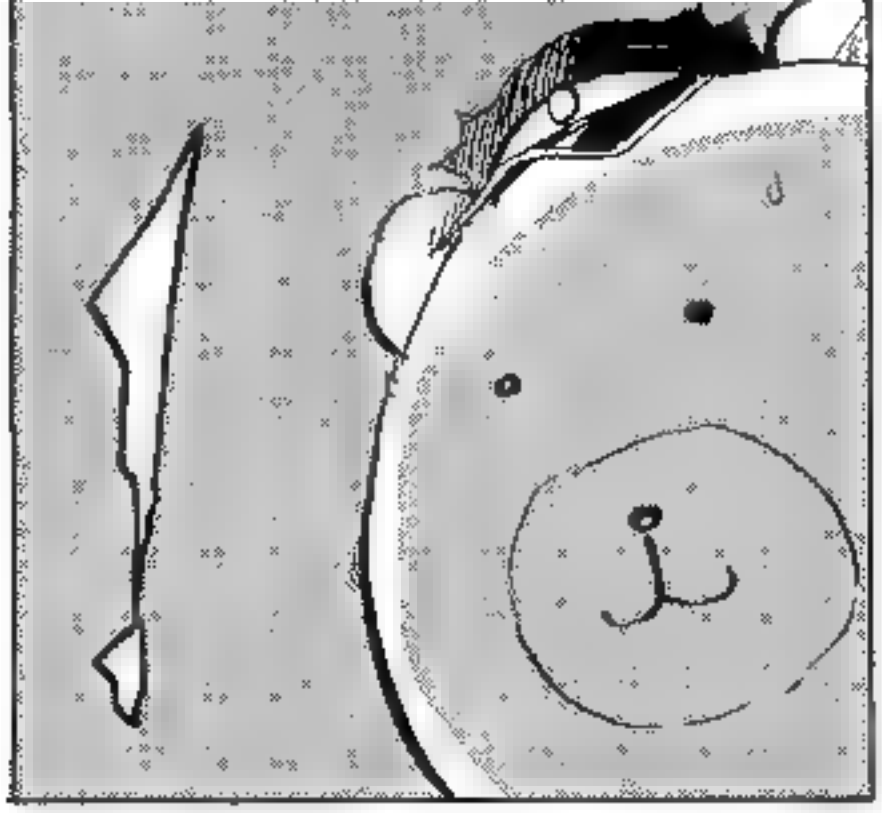

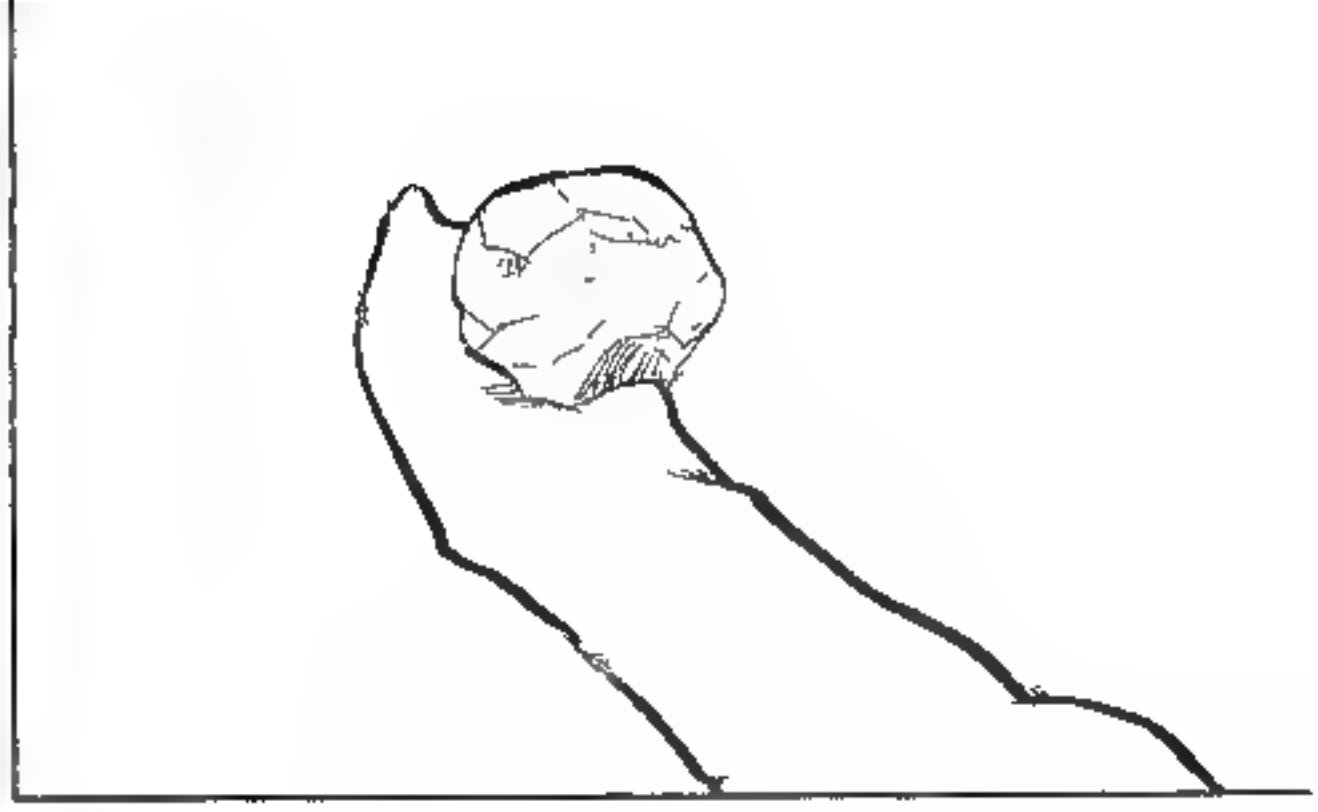

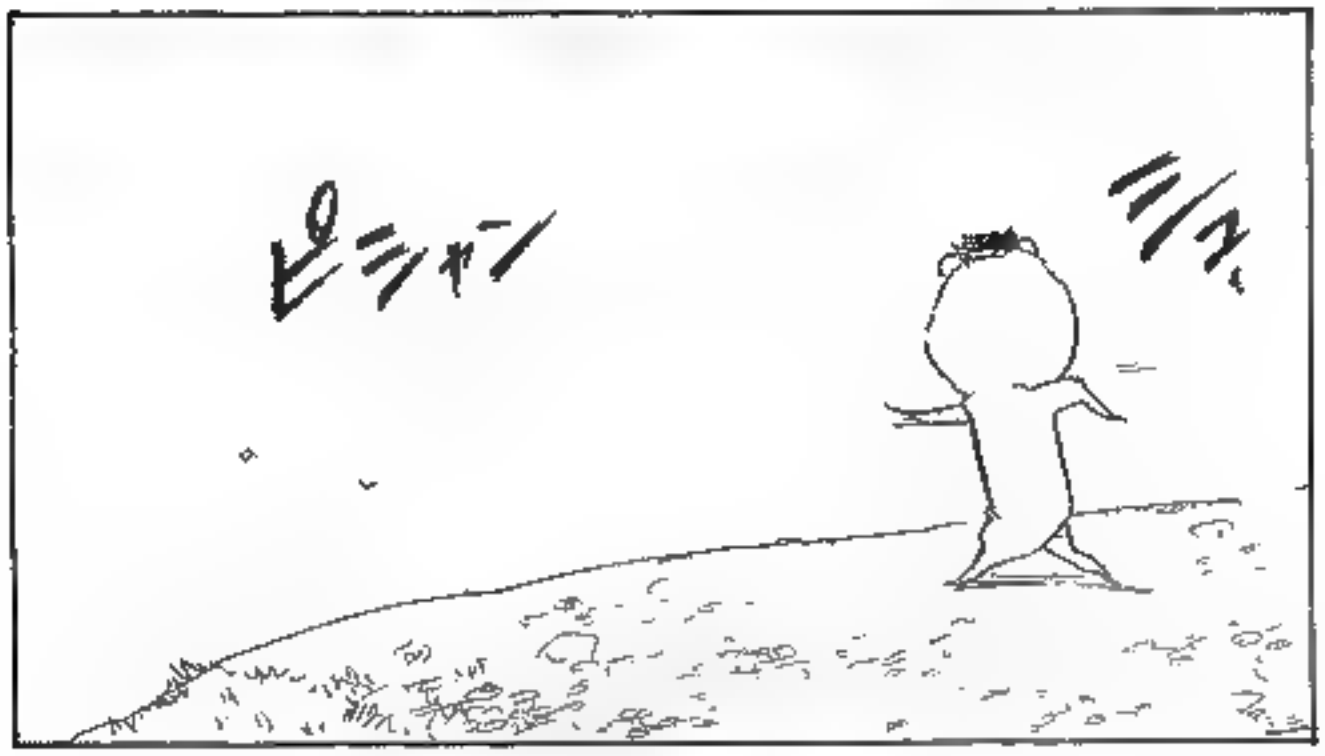
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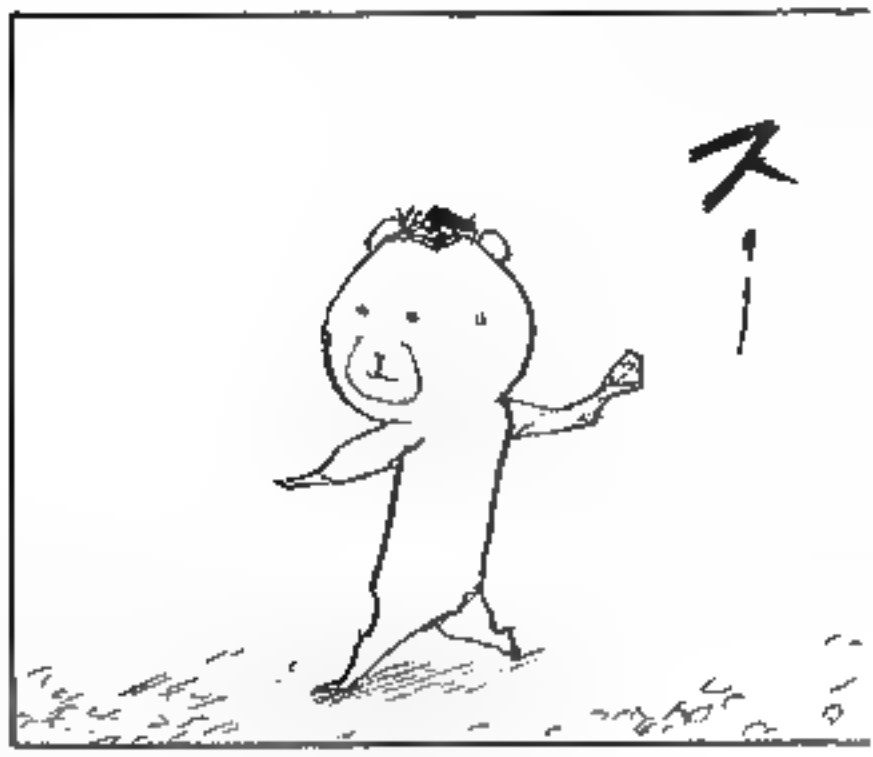
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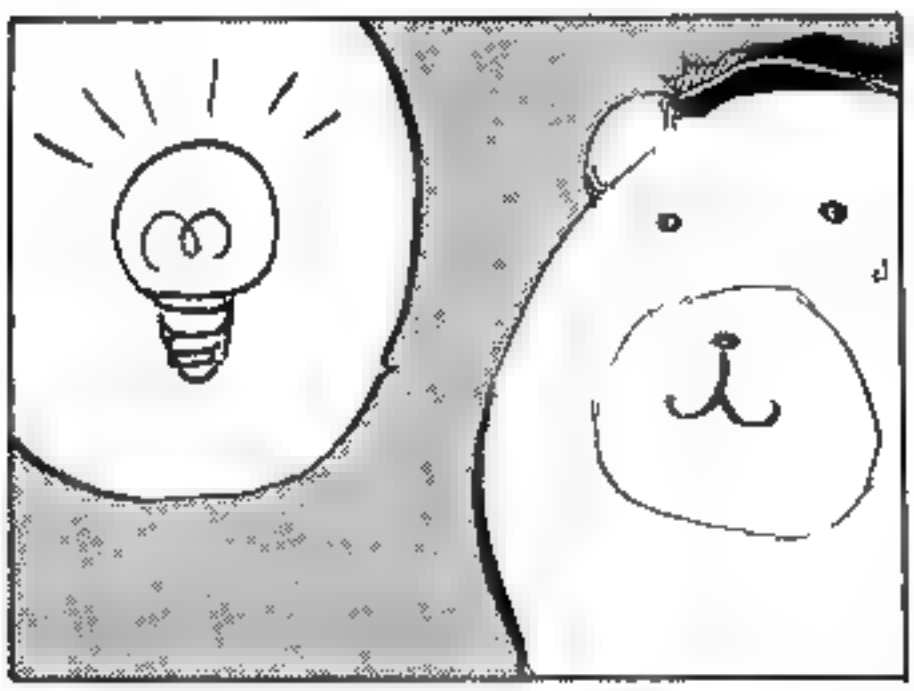

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DID YOU JUST COME UP WITH A PLAN OR SOME-THING?

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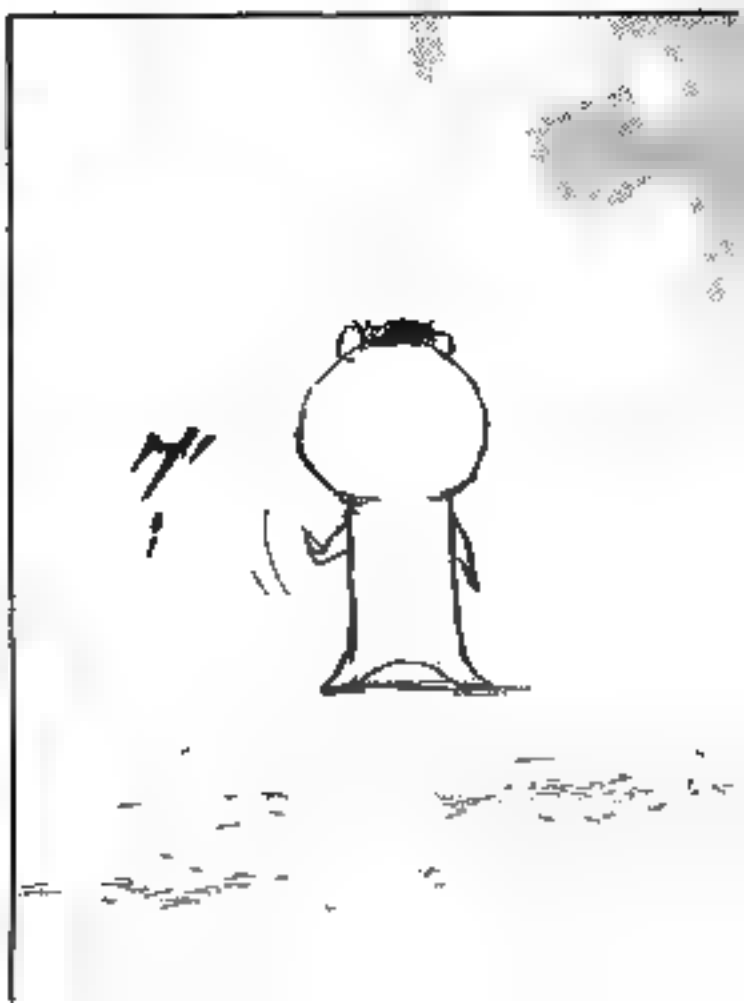

I HAD A CHAT WITH BANCHOU-CHAN YESTERDAY

WHAT IS IT?

HEY, HAVE YOU GUYS HEARD?

A WEEK LATER

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LOOKS LIKE HE REALLY DID GAIN SOME KIND OF INSPIRATION BACK THEN!

FOR REAL!?

WHOA!!

AND APPARENTLY HE'S FINALLY MANAGED TO COME UP WITH A SECRET PLAN THAT WILL ALLOW HIM TO BOOST THE POPULARITY OF BASEBALL.

OH YEAH, IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE MATCH TO BEGIN!

MAYBE WE'LL KNOW IF WE TUNE IN TO THE MATCH!

I DON'T KNOW...

YEAH! THAT!

AH, YOU MEAN BACK WHEN HE WAS FLICKING STONES BY THE BANKS?

SO WHAT PLAN DID HE COME UP WITH?

I'M CERTAINLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS!

SO WHAT PLAN DID HE COME UP WITH...?

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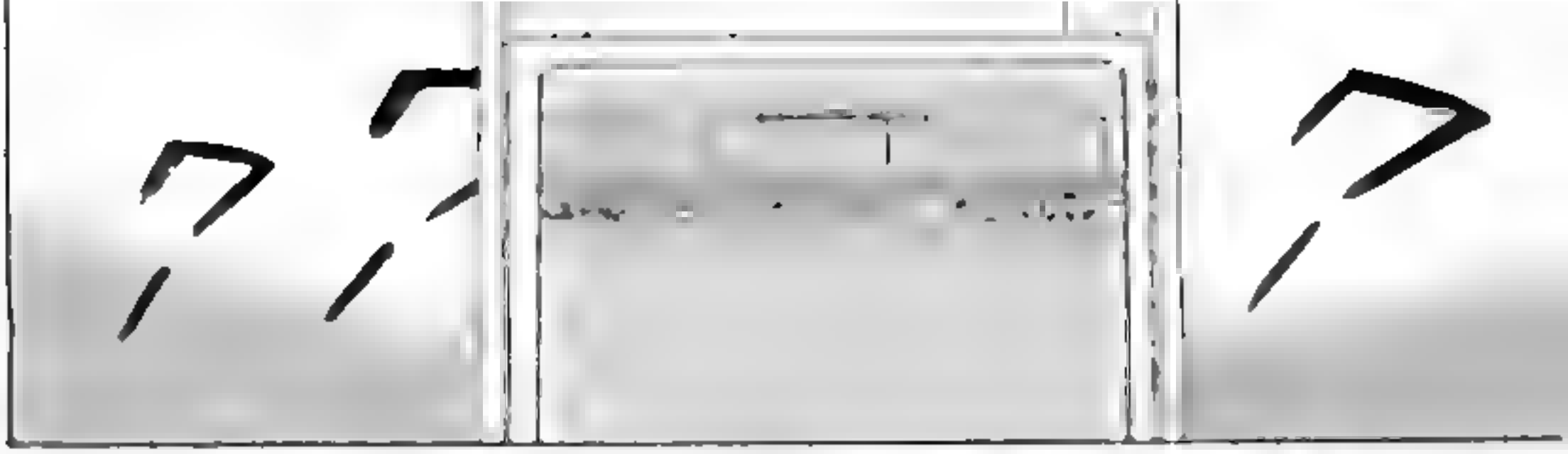

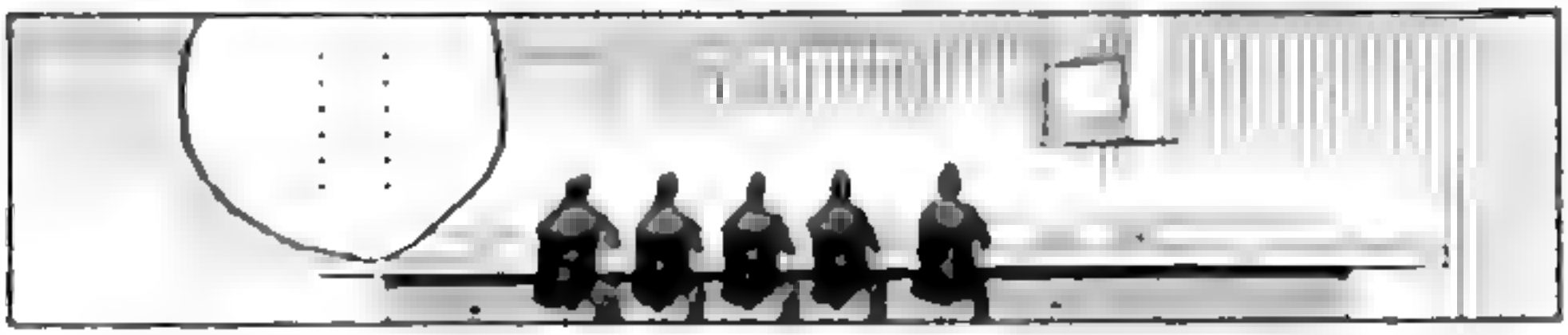

THE SALES DID SLIGHTLY INCREASE THOUGH.

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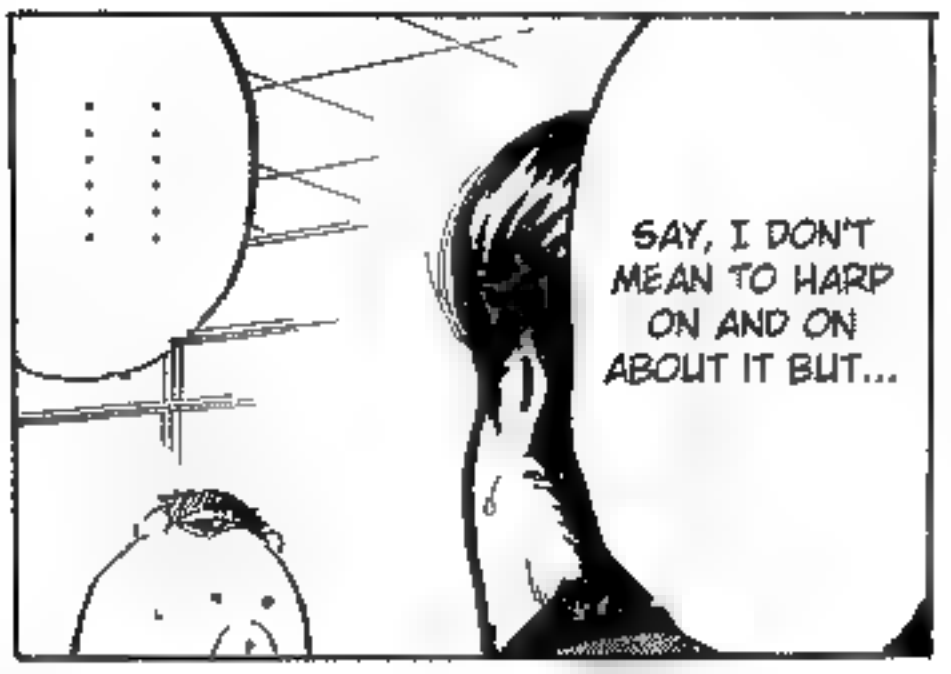

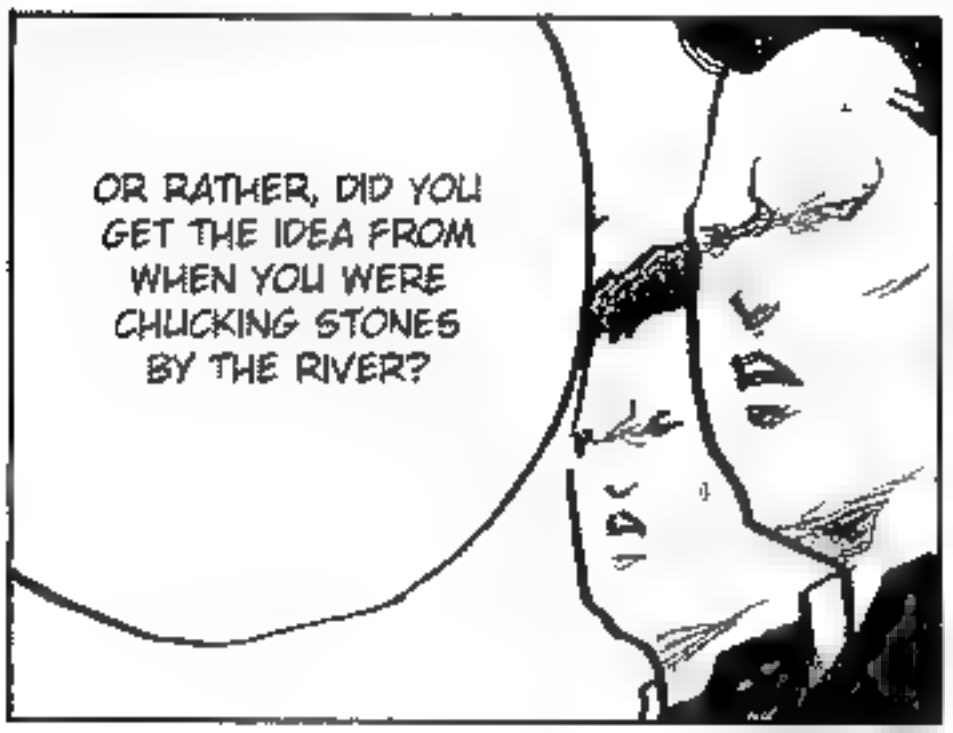

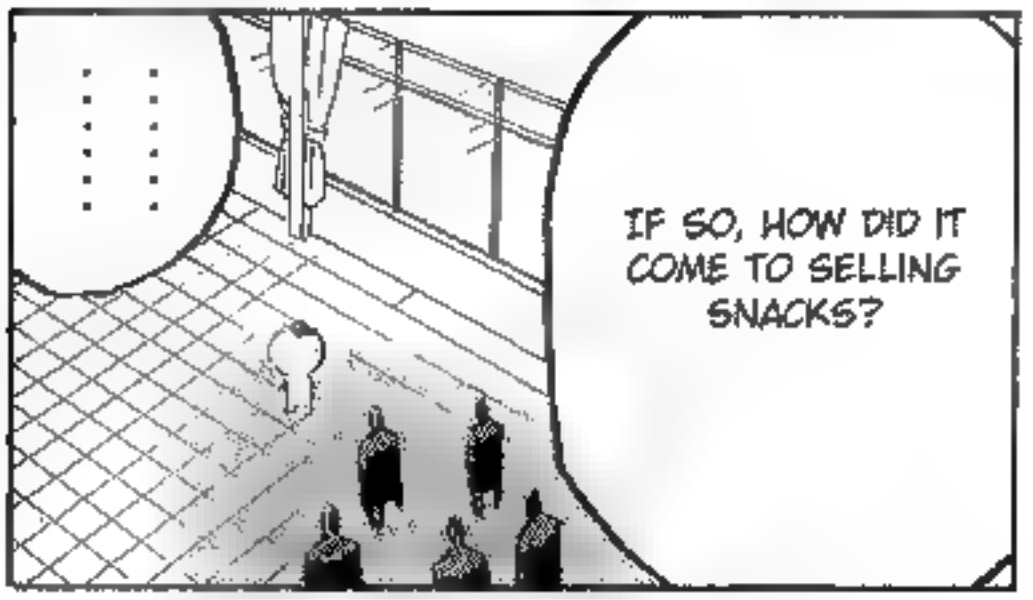

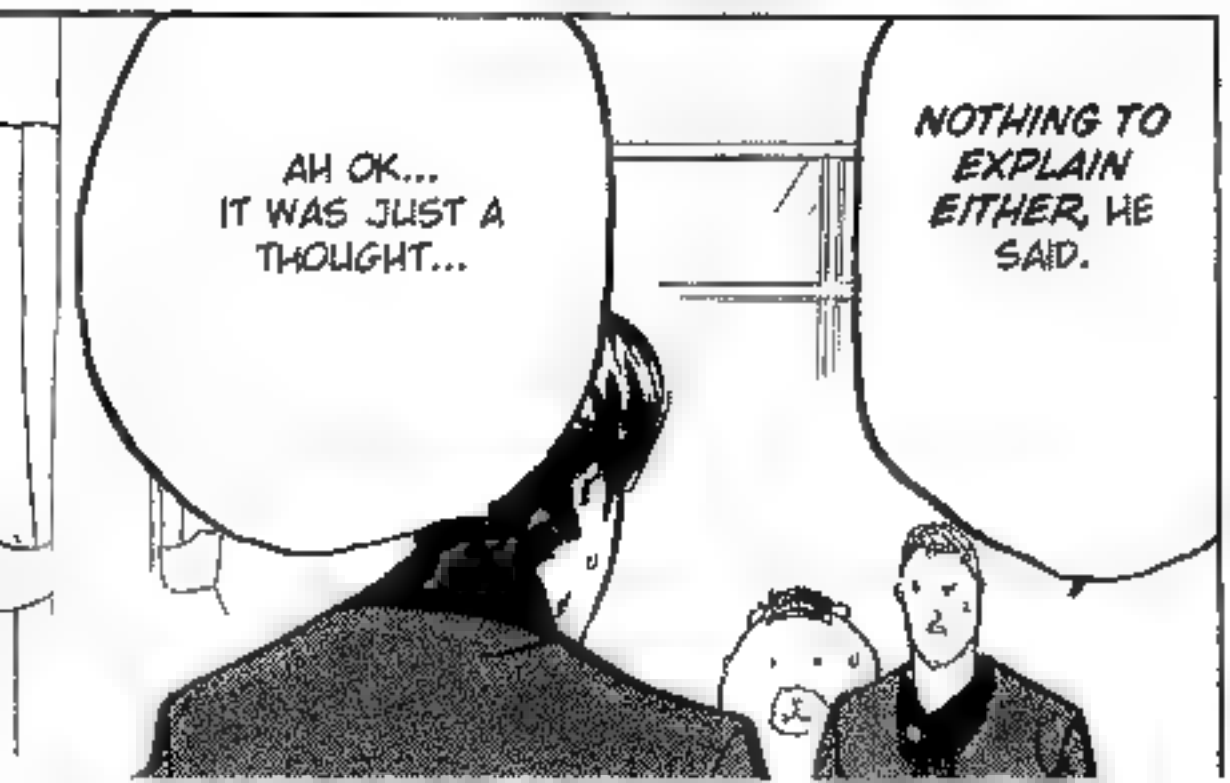

OH WELL THEN, HOW ABOUT TRYING IT AGAIN ONE MORE TIME?

YOU JUST MADE A "I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS ALREADY" EXPRESSION DIDN'T YOU?

BANCHOU-CHAN...

HOW ABOUT SUMO FOR EXAMPLE?

WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT RAISING THE POPULARITY OF BASEBALL WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT, SO LET'S TRY SOMETHING ELSE.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE POPULARITY OF SUMO HAS BEEN DECLINING AS WELL,

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SO WE'RE HOPING THAT WE CAN BORROW YOUR STRENGTH TO BRING BACK ITS FORMER GLORY!

AWESOME!

OH, YOU'LL DO IT?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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REALLY?

WHOA!

BANCHOU-CHAN HAS THOUGHT OF A SECRET PLAN THAT WILL ALLOW HIM TO BOOST THE POPULARITY OF SUMO!

HEY, HAVE YOU GUYS HEARD YET?

A WEEK LATER

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O-OK...

ANYWAY, HE HAS A PLAN AND THAT'S WHAT MATTERS!

NO... I THINK WE SHOULDN'T STICK TO THAT KIND OF ASSUMPTION...

AS I THOUGHT, IT'S DEFINITELY FROM THAT TIME WHEN HE TRIPPED AND FELL !

YEAH!

LET'S SEE HOW IT GOES.

...HMM?

TODAY, WE'LL HAVE PEDESTRIANS SHARE THEIR INTERESTS WITH US.

TIME FOR AN INTERVIEW ON THE STREETS!

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SUMO

WHAT INTERESTS DO YOU HAVE?

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I GUESS...

IS THAT FOR REAL...

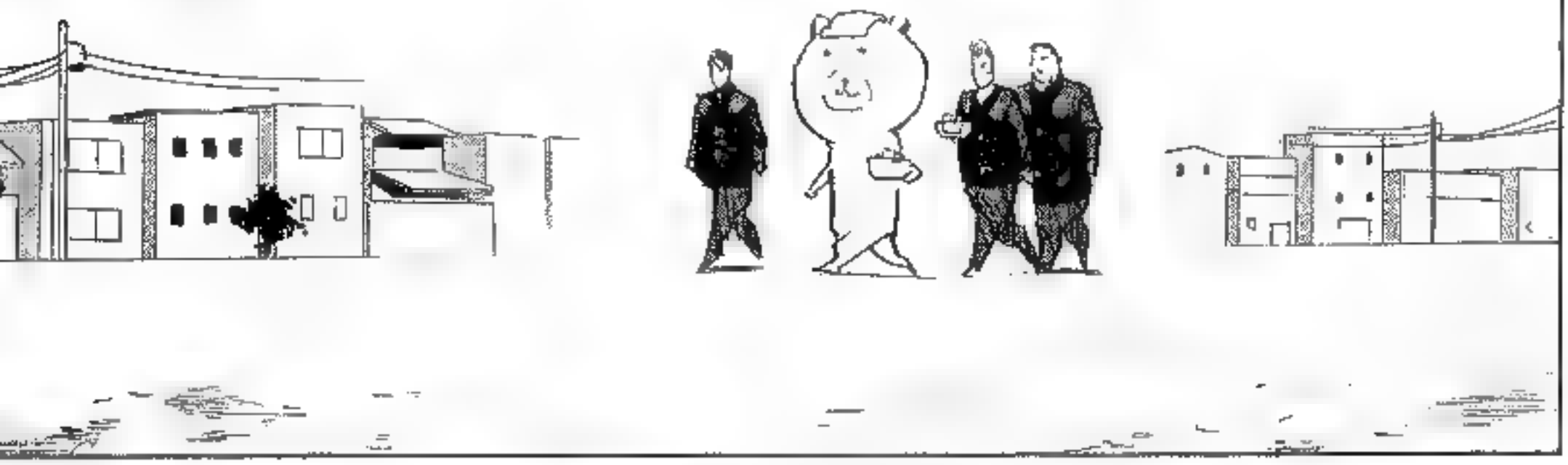
I'VE GOT SOME MISGIVINGS REGARDING THAT REPORTER DUDE.

SURE!

LET'S GO TO A PUBLIC BATH!

第301話

Smoke On The Hot Water



SURE!

RIGHT, LET'S REMOVE OUR CLOTHES.

SURE!

LET'S WASH EACH OTHERS' BACK.

IT'S NICE TO DO THIS ONE IN A WHILE!

THIS IS PRETTY FUN!

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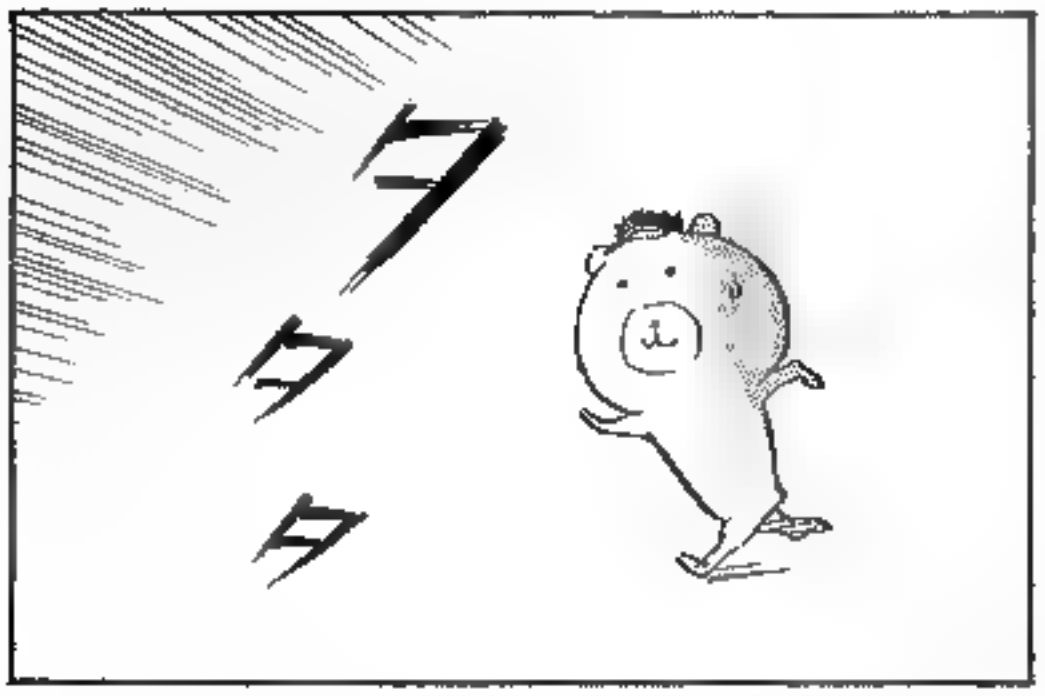
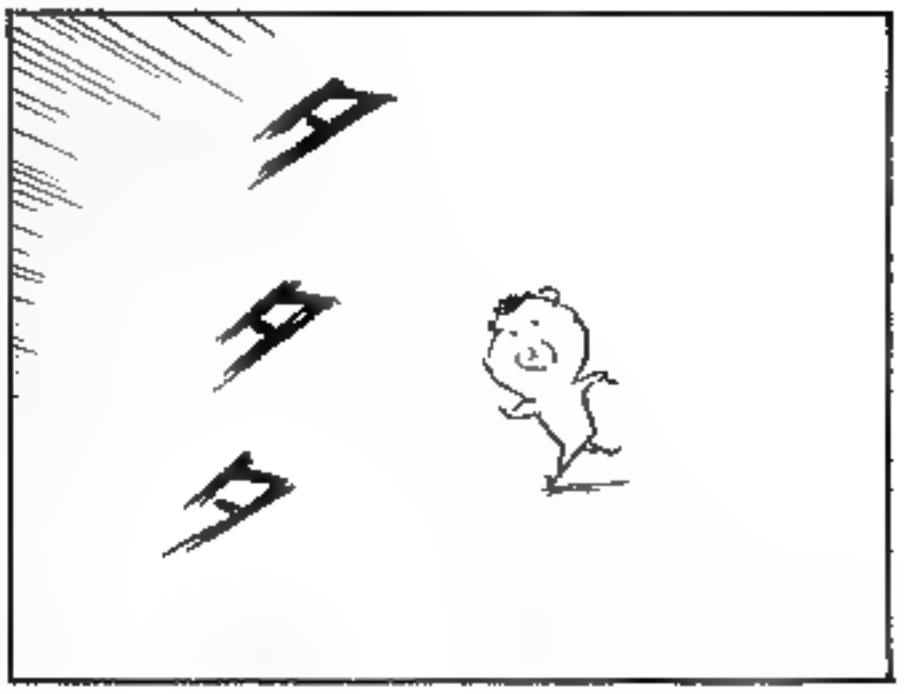
AH, I FEEL SO REFRESHED!

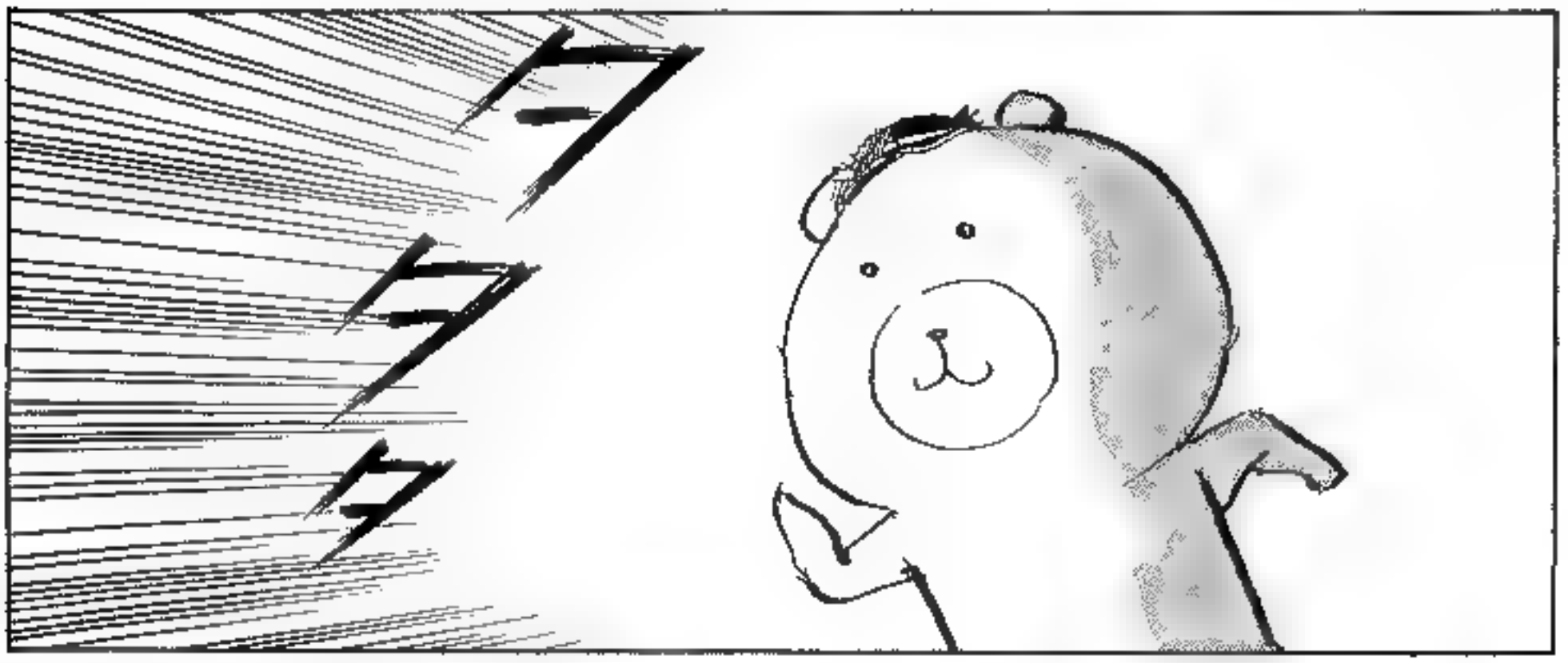
...THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S REALLY BOTHERING ME...

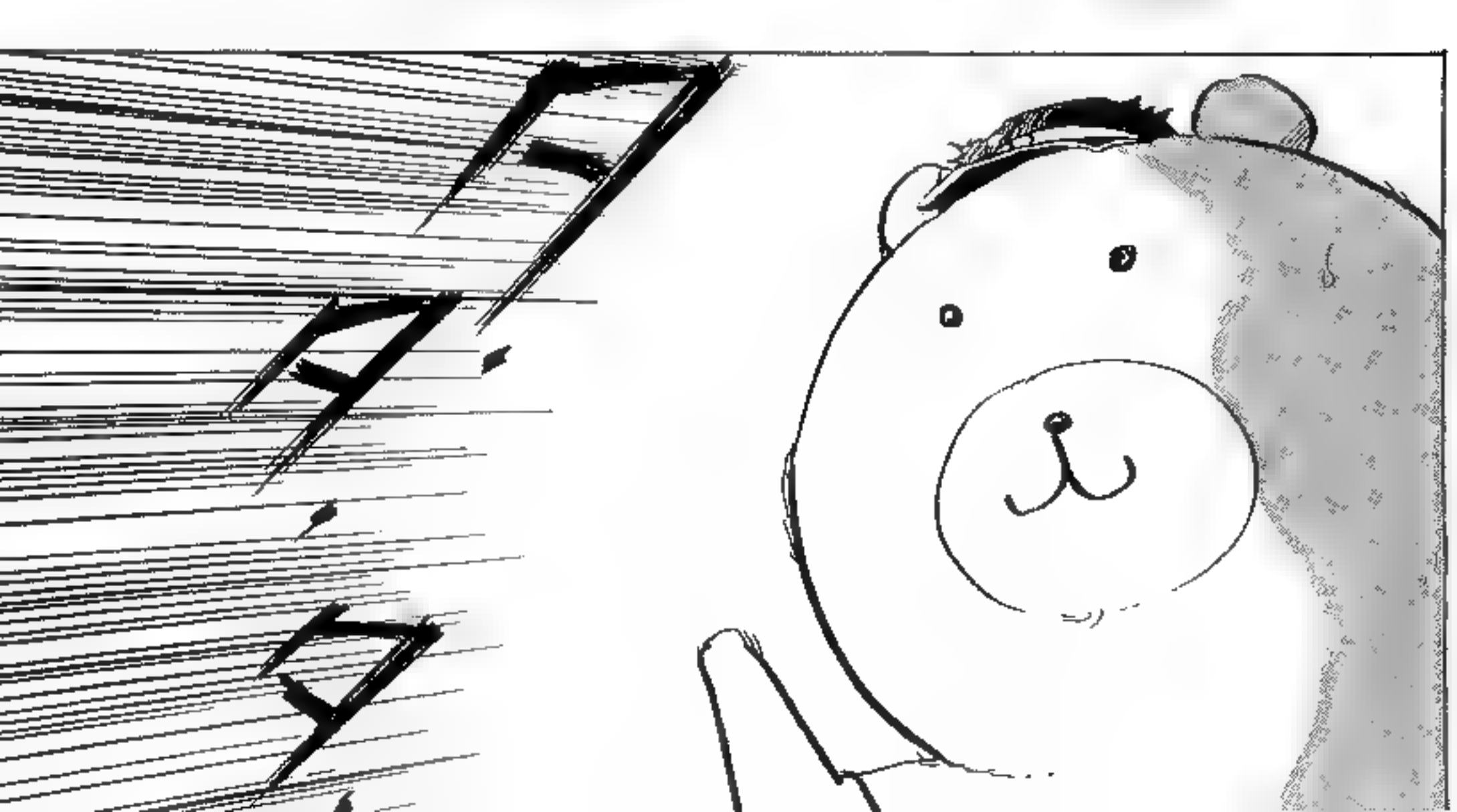
THERE'S SOMEONE WHO IS STILL HAVING DOUBTS.

第302話 Rock And Roll









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H-HOLY CRAP !!

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NO MATTER HOW CAPABLE BANCHOU-CHAN IS, THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN...!

SHIT, AT THIS RATE, HE'S GONNA GET CRUSHED!

WHAT THE HELL!? HOW DID SUCH A HUGE BOULDER GET THERE !?

OH SHIT ...!!

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AH... AN UP-SLOPE ...!?

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THANK GOODNESS HE'S FINE

THAT'S ONE CLOSE SHAVE...

MAN... THAT SURE WAS LUCKY...

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WAIT, WHAT THE HECK?

DODGE-BALL MATCH

第303話 Mad Dodge Ball
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GOT HIT AGAIN ...!

UGH... DAMN IT.

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HUH?

CURSES! ALLOW ME TO AVENGE YOU...!

THESE SNEAKY BUNCH OF...

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WHAT
THE...!?

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SHIT!

UGH!

WHAT?

HEH, BIG DEAL!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S THAT GOOD!

A-AWE-SOME...

M-MATSUDA!

I'LL FINISH THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL.

HMM?

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NO WAY!

AH!

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FUCK YEAH!

HEHE...

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FUCK! TO THINK THEY'D RESORT TO SUCH CHEAP TRICKS!

THIS IS SERIOUSLY PISSING ME OFF!

B-BANCHOU-CHAN! HANG IN THERE!

THEY DARED TO LAY HANDS ON OUR HERO! THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FORGIVE THEM FOR THIS!

YOSHIE !?

EVERY-ONE! PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME!

7"

VERY WELL! GO FOR IT, YOSHIE!

7"

THIS SCORE MUST BE SETTLED!

YOU BASTAA-AAAARDS!!

TAKE THIS!

HUH ?

WAIT A SECOND !!

UH, S-SORRY MAN...

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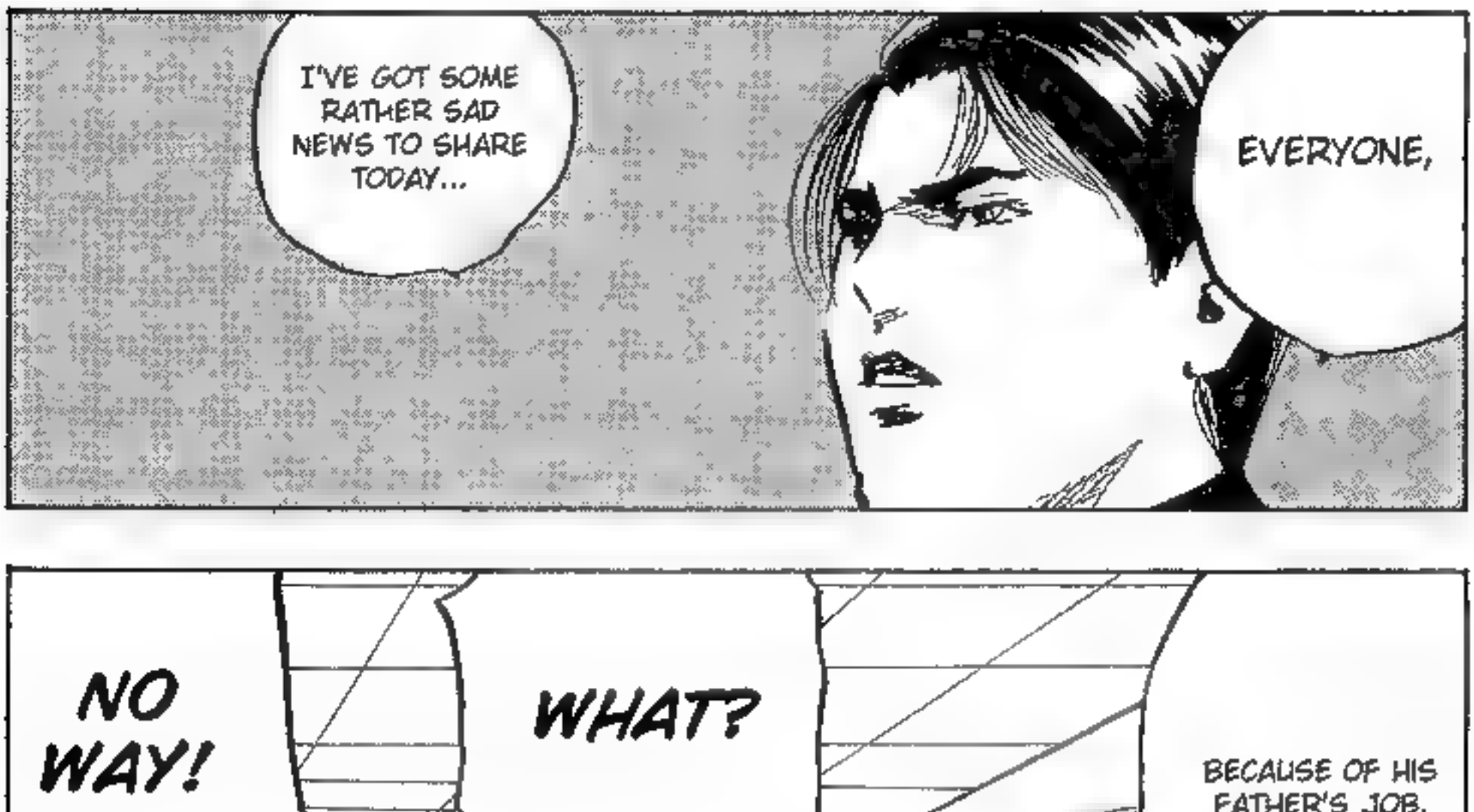
THAT'S NOT A BALL.

第304話 Keep On Moving


I'VE GOT SOME RATHER SAD NEWS TO SHARE TODAY...
EVERYONE,
NO WAY!
WHAT?
BECAUSE OF HIS FATHER'S JOB, MURATA HAD TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL.

HE PROBABLY THOUGHT BIDDING EVERYONE FAREWELL WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO PAINFUL AND HENCE CHOSE TO ONLY TELL ME.

WHY DIDN'T HE SAY ANYTHING ALL THIS WHILE?

WAIT, ISN'T THAT A LITTLE TOO QUICK?

KAMIYAMA,

YES?

EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO MEET AGAIN...!

DAMN IT, MURATA, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BE SO...

CAN WE STILL MAKE IT TO THE STATION RIGHT NOW?

THAT'S RIGHT!!

YEAH, LET'S GO!

OF COURSE !!

YOU GUYS WANT TO GO NOW?

EH?

HEY, MURATA !!

Y-YOU GUYS...

DID YOU REALLY PLAN TO LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING!?

YOU FOOL!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, DUDE!

IT JUST... IT JUST BECOMES SO MUCH HARDER TO LEAVE AFTER SEEING YOUR FACES...

SORRY...

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO RESERVED!

YOSHIE...

WE'RE COMRADES, AREN'T WE?

THOUGH THE TIME SPENT WAS SHORT,

WE MAY BE APART, BUT WE'LL STILL BE BUDDIES!

THERE'S NO NEED FOR TEARS, BRO!

I'M SORRY...

AH, IT'S TIME!

IT'S THE SAME WITH US!

I'M REALLY GLAD TO HAVE MET YOU GUYS.

OH, SPARE THE FORMALITIES!

HAHA, THERE'S NO NEED FOR ALL THAT!

BECAUSE WE WERE IN A RUSH, WE ENDED GETTING A BUNCH OF WEIRD NONSENSE!

OH YEAH, WE'VE GOTTEN YOU GIFTS!

YEAH, SAME HERE.

I DIDN'T GET TO PREPARE ANYTHING BEFOREHAND, GOT THIS JUST OVER THERE!

HERE, HAVE THIS!

THANKS, MAN!

HERE, EAT THIS DURING THE RIDE.

SAME TO YOU GUYS!

TAKE CARE!

JUST GIVE HIM ALL OF THE STUFFS!

HURRY!

SHIT, NOT MUCH TIME LEFT!

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SO LONG!

SEE YA!

AND THEY EVEN GOT ME SO MUCH PRESENTS...

MAN, THESE GUYS...

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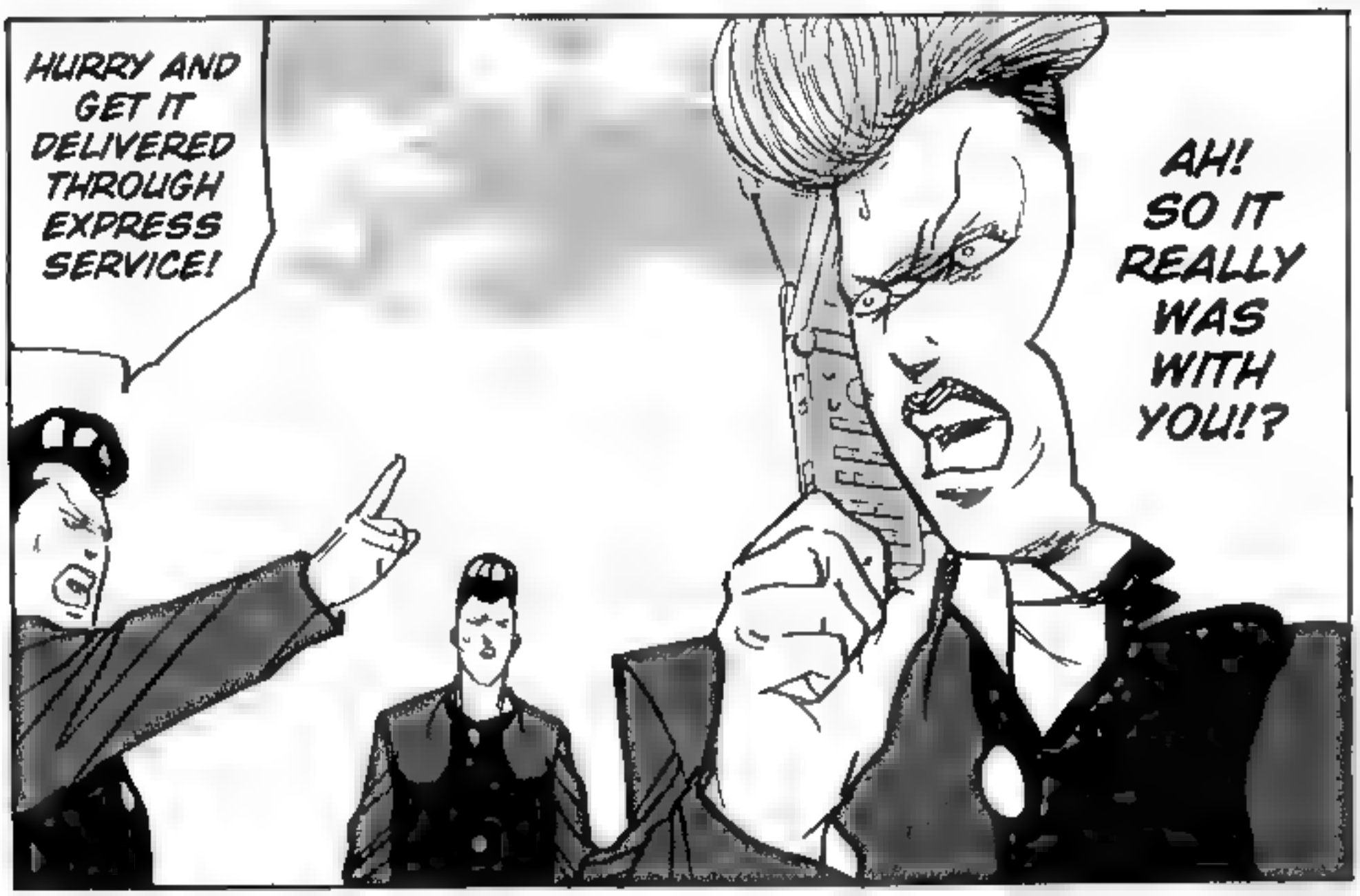

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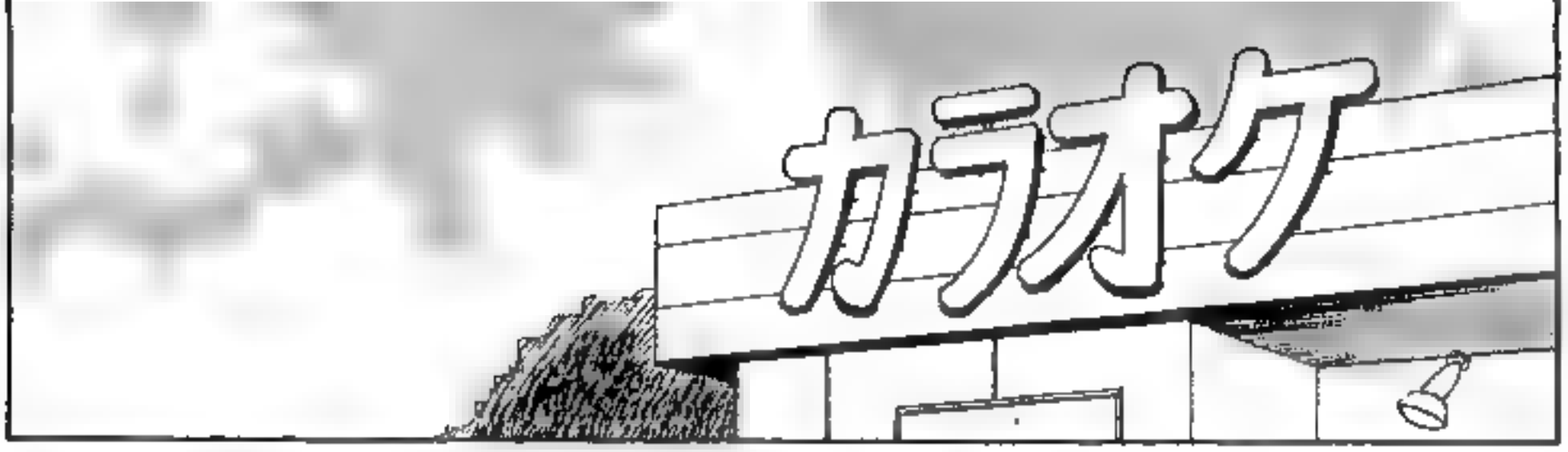

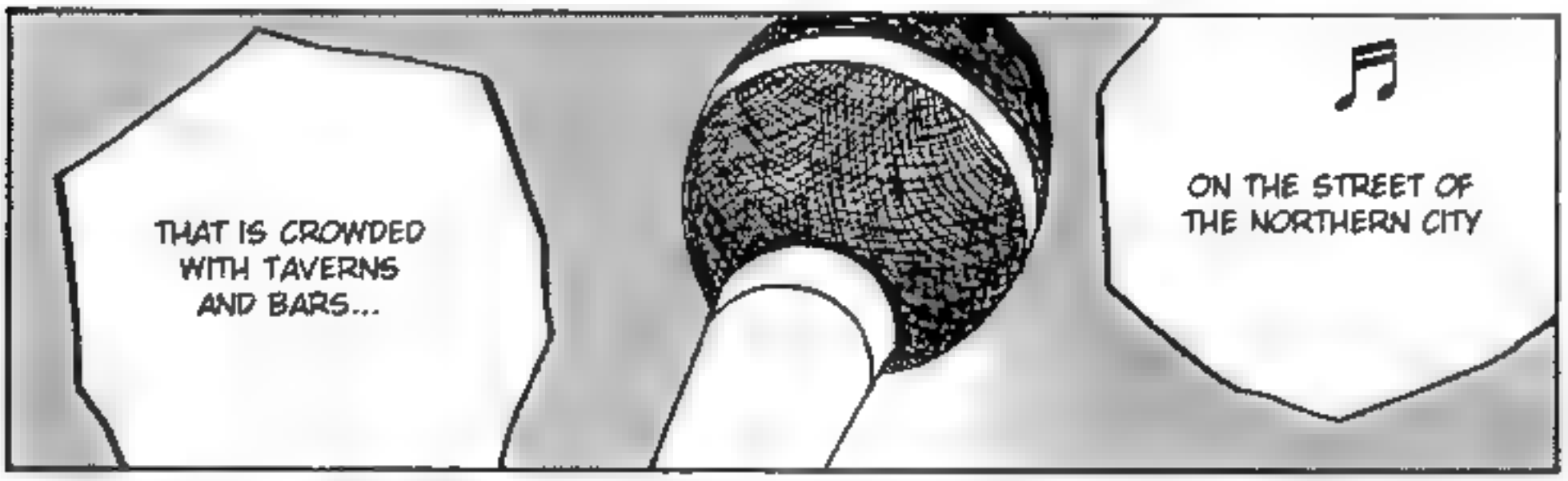

TL: HOKUTO IS SINGING "KITA SAKABA (NORTHERN TAVERN)", AN ENKA SONG.

第305話 Sing For The Moment
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OH, HERE COMES THE SCORE!

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HERE IT COMES!

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NAH, I'M NOT THAT GOOD...

THAT'S HOKUTO FOR YOU!

DAMN, THAT'S GOOD!

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OH NO, I DON'T DISLIKE SINGING... IT'S JUST THAT WELL, I'M NOT REALLY INTO DOING SO IN FRONT OF OTHERS...

I INITIALLY THOUGHT YOU HATED IT.

I CERTAINLY DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BE THAT GOOD AT SINGING.

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AH, IT'S "SAZANKA NO YADO"!

I KNOW RIGHT? THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST FOR EVERYTHING!

BUT AFTER SINGING ONE SONG, I KINDA FEEL MORE AT EASE NOW...

YOU SURE ARE GETTING REALLY INTO THIS!

OH, HOKUTO AGAIN.

IT WAS ME...

AH, SORRY...

YEAH, WHO PICKED IT?

THAT'S ONE WICKED CHOICE.

THAT'S RIGHT! WE'LL JUST TAKE IT AS THIS AS HOKUTO'S SOLO CONCERT!

NO WORRIES MAN.

I FEEL REALLY BAD FOR HOGGING THE MIC ALL THIS WHILE...

GO FOR IT DUDE!

YEAH!

I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER!

WELL THEN...

HOKUTO ESTATE

I'VE RECENTLY BEEN GETTING TOO CHUMMY WITH THOSE GUYS..

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH...

I WAS BUT A LONE WOLF

IN THE BEGINNING, WHEN I FIRST GOT INTO CROMARTIE,

BUILD THE HOKUTO ARMY AND TAKE ABSOLUTE CONTROL CROMARTIE...

Though I did get into the wrong school

AND MY PLAN WAS TO HAVE THEM ALL BECOME MY UNDERLINGS,

RIGHT NOW, THE SCENARIO HAS BECOME THAT OF A "NEW TRANSFER STUDENT WHO WAS SHY BUT SLOWLY MANAGED TO OPEN UP, FIT IN AND MAKE FRIENDS"!

BUT NOW, I'M GETTING ALONG WITH THEM SO WELL THAT I'M EVEN GOING KARAOKE WITH THEM.

I HAVE TO GET BACK TO MY ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE! I GOT TO CUTE MY TIES WITH THEM!

THAT WON'T DO!

TOMORROW! I'M NOT GOING TO BE ALL BUDDY-BUDDY WITH THEM!

BUT!

YEAH, TODAY DOESN'T COUNT!

TODAY... WELL, THAT'S ALREADY DONE SO...

IDIOT, FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE IT SHOULD BE TO THE RIGHT!

LEFT?

TO THE LEFT, HOKUTO, THE LEFT!

YEAH, THERE!

OH, HERE?

NO, THE OTHER SIDE!

WHICH IS IT!

HERE I GO!

IT'S HERE, ISN'T IT?

EH?

AH.

AH.

THAT'S... NOT THE WATER-MELON...

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...IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN YESTERDAY...

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MY WILLPOWER NEEDS TO BE STRONGER!

SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING BEING ON SUCH GOOD TERMS WITH THEM?

YET HERE I AM RUNNING OFF TO PLAY PLEBEIAN GAMES LIKE SPLITTING WATERMELONS... SUCH INSOLENCE!

I AM THE SON OF THE PRESTIGIOUS HOKUTO, THE FAMILY WHO CONTROLS THE HOKUTO CORPORATIONS!

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THERE SHOULDN'T BE A NEED TO CUT THEM BY MY OWN HANDS! JUST GET THE SERVANTS TO DO IT!

THIS IS IT! I CAN'T AFFORD TO MUCK AROUND WITH THOSE GOOFBALLS ANYMORE!

ANYWAY!

BUT I DIGRESS.

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I GOT TO REJECT THEIR OFFER!

YEAH, I HAVE TO!

IF THEY ASK ME TO HANG OUT WITH THEM,

A PROUD MAN WHO DOESN'T MIX WITH THE FOOLISH PEASANTS!

I AM HOKUTO TAKESHI!!

NO!

WANNA GO TO THE ARCADE LATER?

HEY, HOKUTO

I AL-READY SAID, NO!

WANNA GO BOWLING AFTER THIS?

HOKUTO,

HMPF... YOU BUNCH OF IMBECILES. THIS RIGHT HERE IS MY TRUE SELF!

YEAH...

HOKUTO SEEMS TO BE PRETTY COLD RECENTLY...

I OPERATE ON AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT LEVEL FROM YOU GUYS!

I NEVER INTENDED TO BE PART OF YOUR PUNY CIRCLE, PLAYING YOUR PESKY LITTLE GAMES.

I ALREADY SAID THAT I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU GUYS!

ENOUGH !!

OH, HOKUTO, REGARDING THAT SONG, "SAZANKA NO YADO"...

STOP DISTURBING ME, WILL YOU!

SORRY, DIDN'T REALIZED YOU'D BE THIS MAD ABOUT...

I AM AN ELITE MEMBER OF SOCIE-TY! DON'T PUT ME ON THE SAME LEVEL!

YOU GUYS ONLY KNOW TO BUG ME WITH SUCH TRIVIAL NONSENSE!

I SEE...

I NEED MY OWN PERSONAL AREA!

LEAVE ME ALONE AND LET ME HAVE OWN PIECE OF MIND!

SURE.

VERY WELL. BRING ME THERE!

WHAT? YOU DO?

WELL THEN, I HAVE JUST THE PLACE FOR YOU.

THE INN OF... CAMELLIA... SASANQUA...

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新曲配信

カラオケ大会

TL: "SAZANKA NO YADO", ANOTHER ENKA SONG.

HOKUTO SURE HAS A GOOD VOICE.

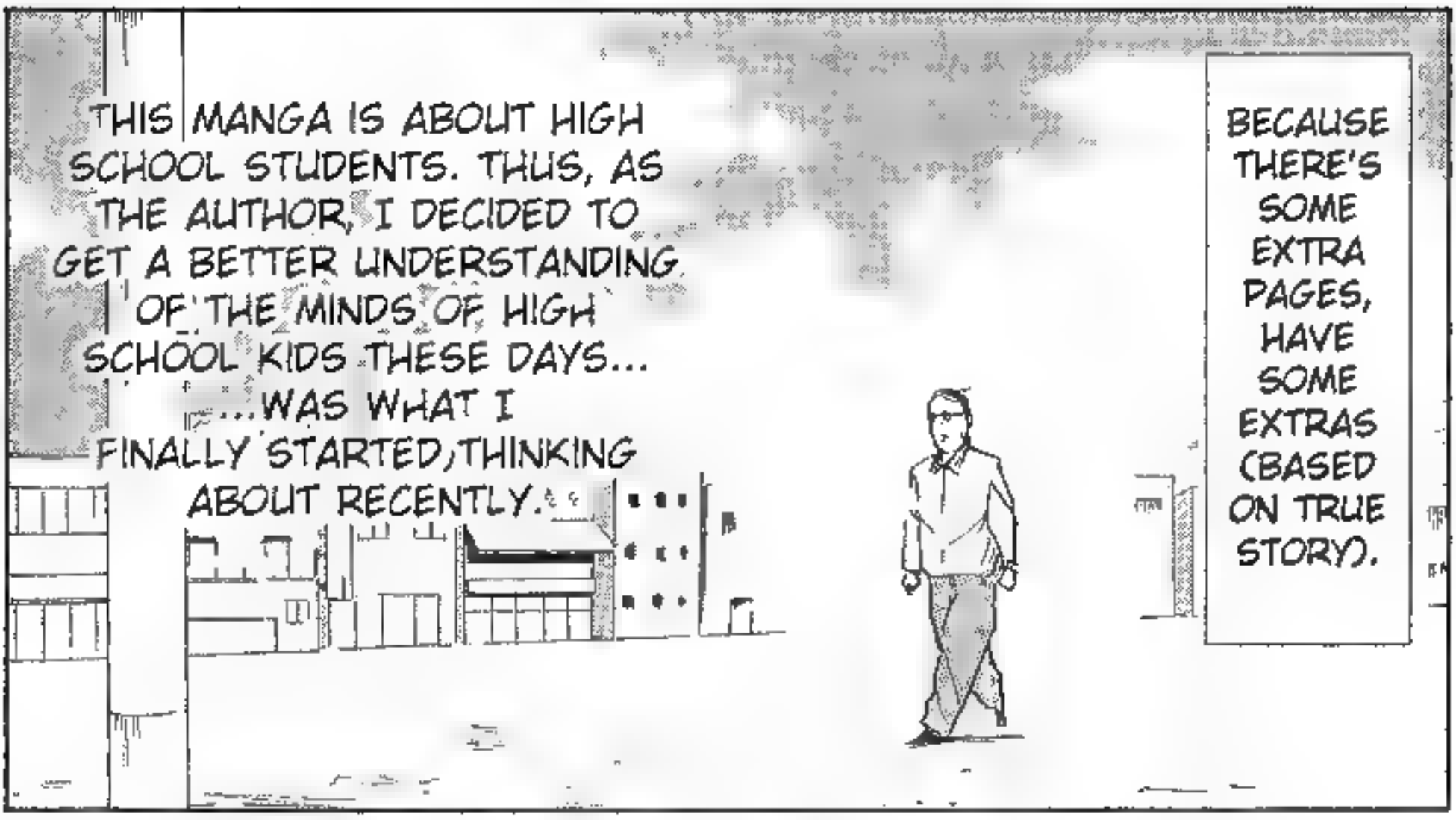
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT, DAMN IT!

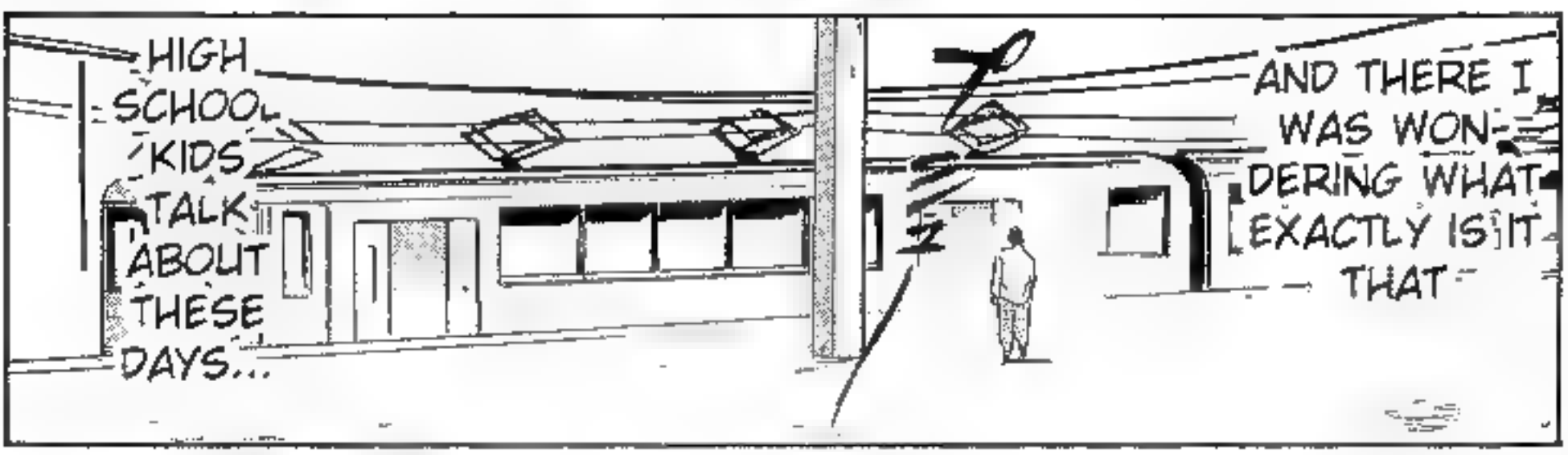
IT'S TOUGH BEING AT THE TOP.

「第15巻★おわり」

Extra Chapter

LOVE NONA


THIS MANGA IS ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THUS, AS THE AUTHOR, I DECIDED TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MINDS OF HIGH SCHOOL KIDS THESE DAYS...
...WAS WHAT I FINALLY STARTED THINKING ABOUT RECENTLY.
BECAUSE THERE'S SOME EXTRA PAGES, HAVE SOME EXTRAS (BASED ON TRUE STORY).



HMM?

SAY,

ANYWAY, LET'S HEAR WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT:..

YEAH.

YOU HAVE A DOG RIGHT?

A PET DOG SOUNDS NICE...

I WANT ONE TOO.

MUST BE NICE...

YEAH...

WAY BETTER THAN HAVING A CAT...

...

HUH?

SAY,

. . . . . .

IS THAT SO...

I HEARD THAT THE AGE LIMIT FOR WHEN A BOY CAN STILL ENTER THE WOMEN'S BATH IS 10 YEARS OLD.

DUNNO.

WHAT ABOUT ON THE DAY OF THE 10TH BIRTHDAY?

HMM, GOOD QUES-TION.

IS IT STILL ALRIGHT JUST THE DAY BEFORE THE 10TH BIRTH-DAY?

THAT'LL BE PRETTY BAD HUH...

WILL YOU GET CAUGHT BY THE POLICE?

HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR PASSPORT MADE?

HMM?

SAY,

AH!

WE'RE GET-TING OFF HERE!

...PASSEN-GERS WHO NEED TO TRANSFER TO...

I HEARD IT'S GONNA TAKE A LONG TIME SO IT'S BEST TO GET IT DONE ASAP.

NAH, NOT YET.

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I'M REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT THE PASSPORT PART.

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AND THAT'S THE END OF A REALITY-BASED CHAPTER.

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野中英次の本

見かけたら即買い！

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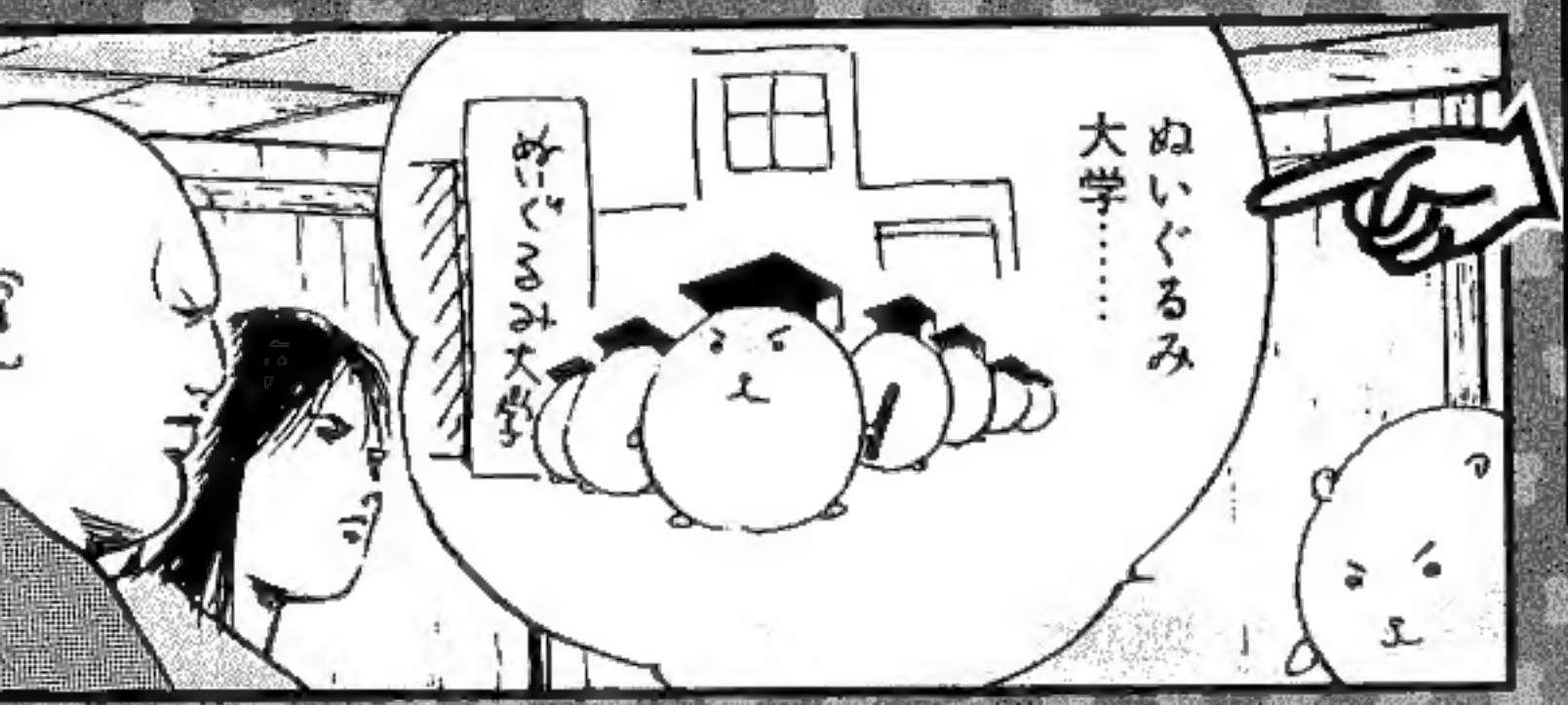

プチ人気を大人気にしたいよ！

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ルビが付いててお子様にも安心！
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まだ全国書店で売り中!!

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